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## Proposed new campground to cost \$92,800

The proposed development of a campground in Cass City remains alive, but the project is far from becoming reality, judging by discussion at a monthly Village Council meeting Monday night.

Council members discussed the proposal and agreed to continue investigating the possibilities. However, trustees also made it clear that the village won't be ready to look at financing until other recreational projects are examined and prioritized, and the public has its say.

The campground would be a cooperative effort involving the Cass City Schools, Cass City Economic Development Corporation and the village.

Village Manager Jane Downing lauded the work of EDC members, who have already approached school officials about locating the campground just north of the sledding hill on school property.

Downing noted development of a campground has been among the "wish list" items in the village's Master Recreation Plan for some time.

She outlined a preliminary proposal creating 30 camp sites at a cost of roughly \$92,800.

The estimate includes \$14,000 to provide sewer service and another \$25,000 for water service, \$14,800 for construction of an access road, \$30,000 for a building that would house an office, bathrooms and storage space, and \$9,000 for camp site equipment (fire pits, grills and picnic tables).

Downing suggested that village officials could apply for a state recreation grant that would cover up to 75 percent of the cost.

Trustee Les Karr pointed out the village has recently completed some major and costly projects. He asked whether on-going maintenance costs have been taken into consideration. "Are we going to have to have somebody year in and year out to man this thing?"

Downing said one possibility would be to have seasonal employees man the campground office as well as handle mowing, trash removal and other tasks.

Trustee Matt Prieskorn urged council members to examine the village's other recreational needs, including improving/expanding existing facilities, before pouring money into a new project. And, he added, there are other suggestions, such as developing an access site along the Cass River.

Trustees agreed to progress slowly, referring the proposal to the council's Parks and Promotion Committee for further study.

### FARMER'S MARKET

Turning to other matters, Downing outlined an effort by the Cass City Downtown Development Authority to sponsor a farmer's market in the downtown area on Saturday mornings.

Plans call for the market to make its debut July 4 and continue through September in the parking lot area directly south of the village municipal building.

"We're going to promote and advertise it throughout the Thumb," Downing said, adding contacts have already been made with a host of commercial and individual vendors and growers, as well as the Amish community.

In addition, organizers hope to schedule special activities and entertainment.

Vendors interested in participating will be required to rent space. "We don't want it to be a flea market or rummage sale, people will have to apply," Downing assured the council.

"We really think that it will be a draw for the community."

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the council:

- Approved a resolution setting the village's pension contribution at 6 percent of the base pay of all full-time village employees.

- Rescheduled the next monthly meeting from March 30 to March 23 starting at 7 p.m. in the village municipal building.

- Scheduled public hearings on a pair of zoning ordinance amendments, one dealing with the number of business Please turn to back page.



**BEING FIRST IN the 21st century is Michigan's goal, Gov. John Engler told those gathered at a town hall-style meeting Friday at the Cass City Village Municipal Building.**

### In 2 years

## Engler promises M-81 resurfacing to Caro

It will take nearly 2 years, but the ride from Cass City to Caro and beyond on M-81 will eventually be smooth sailing all the way.

That was the word Friday from Gov. John Engler, who along with State Rep. Mike Green and State Sen. Joel Gougeon made a stop in Cass City during a sweep of the Thumb that included stops in Caro, Bad Axe and Sandusky.

Nearly 40 people representing village government, community leaders, business owners and others visited with Engler during his visit to the Cass City Municipal Building.

The governor covered a wide range of topics, from transportation funding to the state's business climate.

Engler said the state will spend \$500 million more in the coming year on the state's road system. The projects include a section of M-81 from Cass City to Ellington over the summer, but the roadway from Ellington to Caro remains in bad shape.

"It's coming. It's not done yet," Gougeon assured. Green added that funding — about \$3.5 million — has been promised to resurface

M-81 from Ellington to Caro in the summer of 1999.

During a brief news conference, Engler also briefly addressed the state's proposed take-over of some primary roads across the state, although he objected to the term "take-over," saying the state isn't forcing counties to relinquish control.

"The process is one in which we should negotiate," Engler said, adding nothing is set in stone at this point.

Engler noted the state has 118,000 miles of primary roads, yet is responsible for only 9,000 miles. It makes sense, he said, for the state to maintain and improve a larger share of those roads. "I think that makes for better planning, better prioritizing."

Road commission officials in Tuscola County say the state would like to take over 106 miles of primary roads in the county along with \$12,000 per mile in funding. However, the proposal has been rejected because the county currently receives only \$6,100 per mile in funding to maintain those roads.

Engler insisted the state has not specified how much funding would be taken from counties who relinquish control of roads. Negotiations are still very much in the discussion phase, he said.

Prior to Engler's Cass City visit, the governor stopped at Walbro Corp. in Caro, where he recognized the Thumb corporation's participation in the state's job training program in recent years.

In Cass City, he reiterated his goal to make Michigan "first in the 21st century."

"People are beginning to realize what a great place Michigan is to do business," Engler said after announcing that Site Selection Magazine has awarded Michigan its Governor's Cup for drawing the greatest number of new businesses and business expansions.

Engler touted the creation of new jobs, implementation of several tax cuts and downsizing of state government in recent years, saying he's confident Michigan will continue to be a leader in attracting new business and improving the quality of life for its citizens.

Towards that end, Gougeon thanked Engler for supporting \$3.5 million in funding for "Project Green," an effort through Michigan State University to develop innovative ideas that add value to agricultural products.

Already, Gougeon pointed out, there are efforts underway in the Thumb to create motor oil and other products from agricultural products.

### Low bidders selected

## Non-union school salaries up 2.25%

Non-union and administrative salaries for 1998-99 were adopted by the Cass City School Board in its regular session at the high school Monday night.

The board accepted the recommendations of the salary committee and granted a 2.25 percent raise. It also renewed all administration contracts for 2 years except for the superintendent which is for 3 years.

Committee members Allan Hartwick, Marilyn Peters and Danny Haag met with all administrators to review issues relating to contacts including salary.

The raises maintained the board's policy of remaining competitive with wages paid by other schools and Cass City will not be the highest or the lowest.

The superintendent's new salary is \$73,202.00 which ranks 10th out of the 13 area schools reviewed. The average superintendent's salary for the schools is \$75,769.00.

The complete range of salaries with last year's wages compared to this year's is listed on page 12 of this issue.

### HOT SEAT

The board was placed in the hot seat when it was forced to settle a conflict in scheduling between the band and the forensics squad.

When the school activities' agenda was established for the school year, Chad Daniels had reserved April 30 for forensics competition when Cass City will host the state meet.

Jason Smigell, music instructor, wanted the board to approve a trip April 30 to May 3 for some 50 band students to participate in the "Big Apple '98" Festival in New York City. The cost per student is \$400, Smigell said, and the students have already earned a portion of the money needed.

The trouble is that as many as a dozen of Daniels' students are also in the band. Smigell said that it would be very difficult to change the date after the work that he and the band boosters had

put into the proposed trip. Trustee Jim Turner made a motion to endorse the band trip, but it was defeated by a 2-6 vote.

While turning down the band's request, the board urged Smigell to see if another date could be arranged and promised quick approval if he is successful.

Smigell also reported growing numbers in the band, especially in high school. Last year there were 42 members, this year, 63 members and membership projected for next year is to be between 75 and 90.

Membership for all 5 bands at the school grew from 200 to 215 this year and is projected next year between 231 and 270 members.

### SCHOOL BIDS

While contracts have yet to be finalized for renovating the former school annex into the Early Childhood Center, low bidders have been established.

Awarding the contracts has been delayed so that the total cost can be shaved which Keith Hammis, Please turn to back page.

## To arraign trio in circuit court

A Trio of Cass City residents charged with planning the robbery and murder of a Deford area man face arraignments in Tuscola County Circuit Friday.

The defendants, Dean Austin McBride, 14, Richard L. Lesoski, 17, and Robert D. McPhail, 20, all waived their rights to preliminary examinations last week in Tuscola County District Court.

The trio remain lodged in the county jail in lieu of bond, which has been set at \$250,000 for McBride and \$50,000 for Lesoski and McPhail.

All 3 suspects have been arraigned on charges of conspiracy to commit first degree (premeditated) murder, which carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison and a \$10,000 fine; conspiracy to commit armed robbery, conspiracy to commit first degree home invasion and attempted first degree home invasion.

In addition, McBride is charged with carrying a weapon (knife) with unlawful intent and carrying a concealed weapon.

Investigators say the three local residents allegedly conspired to rob and then murder Cemetery Road resident

Bruce Bartle, 72.

The suspects believed Bartle kept large sums of money in his residence, according to police, who said the 2 older suspects allegedly planned to use their shares of money taken in the robbery to purchase bus tickets to Wisconsin, where they planned to meet 2 girls they had met on the internet.

The suspects also allegedly discussed killing Bartle and dumping his body in a pond. The robbery never materialized. Reports indicate the suspects fled after Bartle spotted one of them near his trailer Feb. 3.

Investigators said an informant had notified police that 3 males were planning to rob Bartle. The information was passed on to Bartle, who called 911 after spotting a subject in dark clothing outside his home.

Sheriff's deputies, assisted by Cass City police and Michigan State Police troopers, combed the area in search of the suspects. With the help of a K-9 unit from the state police post in Bridgeport, they found Lesoski and McPhail laying in a ditch. McBride was taken into custody 3 days later.

### Despite principal's recommendation

## O-G board denies Schuette probation

The Owen-Gage Board of Education Monday denied a third year of probation to a junior-senior high science teacher, ending her career in the district.

A split vote on the issue came following nearly 2 hours of discussion, much of it spent behind closed doors.

The board met in special session Monday to act on recommendations of third year probation for Paula Berry, music instructor, and Karen Schuette, science teacher. The board tabled action on the recommendations during its regular meeting earlier this month due to the absence of junior-senior high Principal Tom Wade, who was ill.

Wade stood by his recommendations Monday night, saying his evaluations are based on in-class observation as well as several other factors, including discussions

with the instructors, their work habits and participation in professional development activities.

However, some board members and 3 parents in attendance voiced concerns about Schuette's work in the classroom.

One parent told the board that her daughter and other students reported an incident in which they told Schuette they did not feel they were learning in her classroom, and that Schuette then allegedly told the students they could learn on their own.

The parent also said Schuette allegedly put off students' requests for help on several occasions.

Another parent expressed concern that Schuette hasn't reviewed relevant materials with her students prior to exams, including the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test.

Both parents stated Schuette was very receptive to their concerns, however, they urged the board to closely examine its expectations of teachers and what is being taught and learned in the classroom.

Several board members indicated they, too, have heard of problems in Schuette's classroom.

"It's my feeling that if we give her a third year of probation, we're harming the kids in the district," Trustee Walt Swiastyn said.

Board President Paul Hunter suggested the board might not be looking at the matter from all angles.

Hunter agreed school officials need to listen to students' concerns. However, he said he was troubled at the lack of parental complaints since Schuette was hired about 2 years ago. At the same time, he continued, the

district has a trained administrator who is charged with conducting teacher evaluations.

Hunter also questioned whether the board was following the intent of the probationary process.

Trustee Jack Brinkman disagreed. "If the kids aren't learning," he said, "you've got a problem."

The board voted to go into executive session after Trustee Ron Good requested access to portions of the teachers' personnel files.

Seventy minutes later, the board returned and considered a motion to give Schuette 90 days to meet goals and standards set forth by school officials. The motion was defeated on a vote of 5-2, with Hunter and Trustee Mary Ann Abbe casting the "yes" votes.

Berry, meanwhile, was granted a third year of probation.

In other business Monday, the board:

- Tabled action on a decision to provide driver's education next year.

Thies, who noted schools are required to declare by April 1 whether or not they intend to offer driver's ed, told the board there is some uncertainty about next year's program due to the possible retirement of the district's instructor.

"We are not in a position to take a position because we don't know if we're going to have a driver's education teacher," he added.

- Approved an annual resolution confirming that the Owen-Gage District will be able to serve 3 4-year-old children in the Michigan School Readiness Program. Despite the wording of the motion, Thies explained, the Huron ISD is actually the service provider.

## \$250,000 MacRae trust

### Grant for Cass City students interested in entering medical field

A long career of helping others will continue for the foreseeable future for the late Anna Marjorie MacRae who died Nov. 24 when 90 years old.

The aid will come from the Anna M. MacRae Scholarship Trust Fund estimated at a quarter of a million dollars and has been reserved for graduating students at Cass City High School.

The trust stipulates that the grants or scholarships be given to students entering nursing or related medical fields.

Supt. Ken Micklash said that he was not sure what the criteria would be to qualify for a grant or if the family would like to become part of the committee to provide guidelines.

Micklash said that the grants would not start being distributed until 1999

and that they would be given from money that the quarter-million dollars will earn. That way the fund would be self-sustaining, he pointed out.

MacRae is a native of the Cass City area. She was born in New Greenleaf and was the second in a family of 12 children. She taught school at 3 country schools.

Stone, McConnell and Wheeler, for 5 years to help put her brothers through medical school. She is a 1925 graduate of Cass City High School.

She attended nursing school at Harper Hospital and worked there for 2 years before taking a position in public health in Detroit.

She was named Nurse of the Year in 1955 by



**Anna Marjorie MacRae**

the Detroit District Nurses Association. Many of the children in the MacRae family were involved in medicine. They include two deceased brothers, L. Douglas MacRae, M.D. Bay City, and K. Ivan MacRae, D.O. of Cass City, and June MacRae, D.O. of Gagetown;



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Howard

## Howards celebrate Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Howard of Snover were recently given a surprise 25th anniversary party at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth Feb. 25. The couple was greeted by brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and their children.

Larry and Carla were married Aug. 18, 1972 in Kinde.

They have 3 children, Scott, an employee of Active in Elkton, Cathy, an elementary education major at Saginaw Valley State University, and Nancy, a junior at Sandusky High School.

The couple look forward to spending many more years together.

### Cass City Social Items

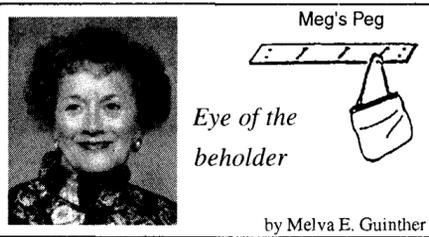
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Three students from Cass City were among 1,653 undergraduates to earn listings on the fall term dean's list at Northern Michigan University. They are: Jeremy Dillon, Jessica Frederick and Amy Osantowski. All are Cass City High School graduates.

Area students on the dean's list for fall term at Grand Valley State University are Terri L. Moore, Cass City, and Susan E. Roemer, Gagetown.

Kurt Russell, son of Carl and Darlene Russell of Cass City, has been accepted by Northwestern College, Lima, Ohio, to begin classes in the June 1998 session, where he will be majoring in the High Performance and Motorsports Technician program. He attended Cass City High School.

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Meg's Peg

Eye of the beholder

by Melva E. Guinther

Melva Guinther is on vacation. This is a reprint of a previous column.

The sign said "Household Auction Today" and Kevin and Sheila decided to check it out. They would be getting married in a month and were in the market for some bargain furniture.

Following the arrow, they found a parking place a block away and walked to the old house where furniture was spread all over the lawn, along with farm wagons loaded with boxes, books and miscellany.

After strolling around the yard surveying the goods, they looked at each other, shrugged their shoulders and headed back to the car.

"What a bunch of junk!" Kevin said as they sped off. "I can't imagine anybody actually buying it."

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Yvonne had seen the ad in the paper and arrived early at the auction site as the auctioneer's helpers began moving the furniture out of the house.

She checked each piece and every box as the men stacked them on the wagons, sure there would be something of value among the well-worn items in those boxes.

Sure enough, in the bottom of one was a rare cameo that Yvonne would have given her eye teeth for.

She was determined not to let the box out of her sight, hoping no one else would discover it and bid the price up.

The prospect of owning that cameo was worth waiting for

hours in the hot, humid weather.

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Stella sat down on the old porch swing, probably for the last time, she thought wistfully. After today someone else would own the house that had been hers and Ed's for over 50 years.

They hadn't wanted her to come. Maybe they were right, she thought. She felt violated, watching all her earthly possessions being pawed over by strangers.

She sighed, remembering how she and Ed had sat on that porch swing at the end of the day, making plans for the future, talking over the kids' problems, and wondering what to do about his aged mother.

She wondered where her children had had those discussions.

Suddenly she missed Ed more than she had in all the time since he'd been gone. She felt empty and helpless.

Through tears she watched the auctioneer try to get a bid for the old rocking chair. She'd rocked 4 babies in that chair. She remembered the night when James was so sick and she'd cradled him in her arms for hours in that old chair, praying for a miracle.

Someone finally bought it for \$7.50.

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Beth, the auction clerk, shook her head, disappointed that the crowd showed little enthusiasm and had to be coaxed to make an opening bid on most items.

We're hardly going to break even on this one, she thought.

## CMU honors list

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes 11 students from the Cass City area who earned 3.5 and higher grade point averages.

The area students are:

Nathan J. Mastie, junior, Cass City; Lindy K. VanVliet, senior, Cass City; Lisa J. Deering, junior, Deford; Robert T. Roach, senior, Deford; Melissa E. Heilig, freshman, Ubly; Jessica L. Morell, senior, Ubly; Jill R. Morell, sophomore, Ubly; Theresa L. Albrecht, senior, Snover; Jill M. Bulgrien, freshman, Snover;



The average American eats eight-and-a-half pounds of pickles a year.

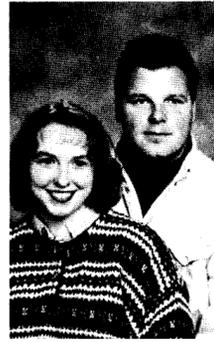
Marci L. Peters, junior, Snover; and Christine M. Wheeler, sophomore, Snover.

## Lenten services scheduled

Lenten services begin this week at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with the Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25, and continue for the next 5 Wednesday evenings. A soup and sandwich supper will be served by the Ladies Aid of Good Shepherd from 5:30-7 p.m. on the 25th. Cost for the supper is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children 5-12 and children under 5 eat free.

The community is invited to join in the meal and attend the services.

## Engaged



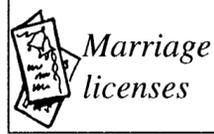
Elizabeth Acker & Norbert Reehl

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Acker of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Kay Acker, to Norbert Gerard Reehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reehl of Gagetown.

Elizabeth is a 1995 graduate of Cass City High School. She is currently pursuing a Business Accounting degree at Baker College, while employed at Chemical Bank.

Norbert is a 1991 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown High School. He is currently employed with Anthes Brothers Building Movers, Inc. of Gagetown.

A September wedding is planned.



Peter Micheal Jaruzel, Vassar, and Audra Lynn Michael, Millington.

Ted Robert Balzer and Juanita Marie Sprague, both of Unionville.

Roy Allen Schmitt and Carrie Lynn O'Kelly, both of Caro.

Bradley James Thompson and Lynette Mary Henry, both of Caro.

Gary William Maurer, Vassar, and Kelly Jo Vink, Bay City.

Joseph Harold Burkett and Michelle Lynn Pennington, both of Vassar.

Bobby Hale Robinson Jr. and Tamera Kimberly Robinson, both of Clio.

Robert Joseph Orban and Kristy Jo Deering, both of Caro.

## New books at the library

**The Last Hostage** by John J. Nance: High above the Rocky Mountains on a routine airline flight 130 passengers listen to their captain tell them of the unusual demands of a hijacker. The hijacker's 11-year-old daughter has been murdered and he wants federal and state officials to find the murderer, arrest, and indict him in just 8 hours or the airplane will be blown out of the sky. FBI agent and psychologist Katherine Bronsky is sent to deal with this crazed hijacker and winds up a hostage herself. Bronsky has very few hours to prevent the hijacker from detonating the bomb which will take her life and the lives of the 130 passengers.

**Dining with the Duchess** by Sarah, *The Duchess of York and Weight Watchers*: (nonfiction) This book is a unique collaboration combining the duchess's taste and style with the culinary and dietary expertise of Weight Watchers. The book contains 30 menus with over 125 recipes that are perfect for every occasion. Each recipe includes the Weight Watchers weight-loss plan designed for people who want to cook and eat delicious meals and keep the calories down.

**Keepers of the Sea** by Fred J. Maroon and Edward L. Beach: (nonfiction) Through 218 powerful color photos and an interesting text this book draws the reader into a fascinating world unknown to most people. Few of us have had the opportunity to cross the ocean in a fast frigate, travel under its depths in a nuclear submarine, take off from the deck of an aircraft carrier at night or participate in the many activities necessary for the smooth running of a modern seagoing fleet. Now these experiences can be shared through award-winning photography and a best selling author and publisher steeped in naval tradition.

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**Cass City Public Schools**  
**PROGRESS IN EDUCATION**  
from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent  
**Buildings and Grounds Upgrades Continue**

During the past few years, several large scale capital improvements have been completed. All of these improvements have benefited our school district. The obvious major upgrade has been the construction of our new middle school. This outstanding facility was funded with a bond which will be paid off in just a little over 10 years. The other improvements, which totaled over several hundreds of thousands of dollars, have all been paid for with cash from the general fund that has been budgeted on a year to year basis. Some of the many improvements include:

- \*New roofs on the high school and east annex of the old middle school
- \*Purchase of approximately two (2) new busses per year
- \*Addition of three new classrooms at Campbell
- \*Installation of two (2) new boilers at Campbell
- \*New asphalt for Deford's parking lot
- \*New asphalt for parking lot behind the high school
- \*Purchase and installation of phones, TV monitors, VCRs, and at least one computer in every classroom in Deford Elementary, Campbell Elementary and the high school. (The new middle school was built with all of these in every room.)
- \*Installation of a local area computer network in all buildings and a fiber optic wide area computer network.
- \*Installation of industrial arts dust collection system in the high school.
- \*Construction of bus garage and installation of bus compound fence.

Capitol improvements such as these and others, too numerous to mention, will not end here. Planned for this year are:

- \*Renovation of the east annex of the old middle school into an early childhood center for our pre-school and kindergarten children
- \*Parking lot asphalt at Campbell, Early Childhood Center and athletic track
- \*Rejuvenation and relining of all-weather track which was installed in 1990
- \*Locker installation at Deford Elementary
- \*Locker and hallway ceiling rejuvenation at high school.

Future wise planning will permit our district to continue facility maintenance and improvement.

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726. Thank you

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Gov. John Engler conducted a sweep of the Thumb Friday with a luncheon stop in Cass City. It was a tight schedule, but the governor was not too busy to take advantage of a golden opportunity for publicity.

While in town, he placed a long distance call to Nagano, Japan, to congratulate Tara Lipinski for winning the gold medal in Olympic figure skating. Lipinski is a member of the Detroit Skating Club.

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Time out for a commercial. Jim Turner called to cancel his classified ad to sell his car. Sold it, he said, and received lots of calls. (Chronicle ads cost lots less than any other in the area). End of commercial.

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From the mouths of babes. A grandson celebrated his 7th birthday last week. My present was a \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$1 bills. He opened the envelope and was pleased until I said, see, Jeff, one of each. He frowned, took a second to digest this, and then piped up, "where's the fifty?"

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If you are a senior citizen, chances are the answer to this question taken from the "Michigan Trivia" book will be easy. What two-time All-American at the University of Michigan was a World War II fighter pilot, winning the Silver Star and Purple Heart, then became a radio-TV commentator. Answer: Tom Harmon.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	39	35	.55"
Wednesday	40	36	.02"
Thursday	40	36	.01"
Friday	39	34	.04"
Saturday	38	32	0
Sunday	47	32	0
Monday	40	23	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)



Is it wrong to allow a memorial to departed students simply because it may establish a precedent for classes in the future? Here's the story. Graduation will be a joyous day for most of the students, but there will be an emptiness in their hearts. There is not much time left. The Cass City High School seniors have less than 50 days of regular classes to go.

In 1994, the class of 1998 lost a classmate in an accidental death. Nathan Weippert died just one week into his Freshmen year. For his classmates, it was a shocking event. They had never had a classmate pass away without any warning.

After much discussion, the class of 1998 purchased a tree in his memory. A tree was chosen because Weippert enjoyed the outdoors. He had been involved in Boy Scouts, was a member of the school golf team, and was involved with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Youth Group.

Weippert also enjoyed coin collecting, swimming and bowling. All Memorials were made to the Boy Scouts of America.

Then, almost exactly one year later, the class suffered another loss. In 1995, Matthew Miller was killed in a car accident. He had just started his Sophomore year at the high school before his life ended tragically.

Miller was also involved with the Boy Scouts. He was a member of the Argyle United Methodist Church. He also enjoyed writing, especially in English class. All memorials were made to the Cass City Public School Library which made possible the purchase of over one hundred books.

There was never any memorial from the class in Miller's name. Regrettably, the students did not have any formal way to grieve together. Miller's mother held a Memorial Service. The service was a time for students,

friends, and family to share remembrances of Matt.

The students did benefit from this service, but nothing else was done. In Weippert's case there was never a time for students to share their thoughts and feelings openly.

Now that the class of 1998 will be graduating in May, they wanted to express their feelings for the two boys. Senior class President Colleen Cartwright thought of a way for the class to show their respect during the graduation ceremony.

Her idea was to place two empty chairs in the first row of graduates. On the two chairs, a flower would be placed in remembrance.

Nathan and Matt were not able to experience high school life with their fellow classmates, but the seniors were determined to have them "present" during the graduation ceremony.

A few weeks ago Cartwright presented the idea to Dorland Kuntz, high school principal. After much discussion, he rejected the idea. He commented that having an empty chair would glorify death and may start a tradition for other classes.

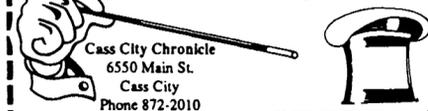
The parents of the two boys were approached about the situation. Neither family had an objection to the idea. Many students have strong feelings about having a chair present for each boy during graduation.

Graduation Ceremonies are planned for Friday, May 22, the weekend of Memorial Day.

The class of 1998 would like any suggestions from the community. The suggestion was raised that the Board of Education should be made aware of the situation. Graduation is a time for closure for seniors. The seniors at Cass City High School also need closure on the death of two classmates.

That's the story. What do you think?

## Chronicle Liners work Like Magic!



## TNU annual report

# Drug team took a bite out of pot sales in '97

An on-going investigation into a Kingston man's drug trafficking activities, his subsequent arrest and conviction was among the Thumb Narcotics Unit's success stories in 1997.

It was another successful year, Lt. Detective Gordon Good, TNU commander, said following the drug unit's annual meeting Friday. "The fact that we've been here as long as we have makes it tougher for us to do our job," Good said. "(But) some people never learn, and so I think there's always going to be a demand for our service."

Good pointed to the investigation surrounding Robert Lefave, 44, of Kingston, as a good example.

In January 1997, TNU officers obtained a search warrant for Lefave's residence. "The search warrant obtained was part of an investigation into Robert Lefave's continuous trafficking in marijuana," Good said. "While executing the search warrant, officers located and seized a quantity of marijuana, as well as a small amount of cash and assorted drug paraphernalia. Lefave was ultimately convicted in Tuscola County Circuit Court of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and he was sentenced to a lengthy prison term."

At the time of the investigation, Good pointed out, Lefave was on parole following a TNU investigation in December 1992 in which nearly 18 pounds of marijuana was seized from Lefave's residence. Lefave was later convicted and sentenced to 4 to 8 years in prison.

When TNU officers executed the 1992 search warrant, Good continued, Lefave was on work release status from the county jail following a 1991 TNU investigation in which officers seized 14 pounds of marijuana, numerous firearms and some plastic explosives from Lefave's residence.

"From the 1991 investigation, Lefave was convicted on the charge of delivery of marijuana, and he was sentenced in September 1992 to 6 months in the Tuscola County Jail and 36 months probation.

"Thumb Narcotics Unit officers believe that Lefave's current incarceration will have a significant impact on marijuana trafficking in Tuscola County at least for the period of years he remains in prison," Good said. "Intelligence information received has indicated Lefave has been a major trafficker of marijuana in the Tuscola County area for numerous years."

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

In another significant case last year, TNU officers answered a request to assist the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force, Saginaw, in an investigation involving a Lapeer area resident.

A search warrant lead to the seizure of about 160 pounds of marijuana from a pickup camper parked behind a residence, and a suspect was arrested and charged with manufacturing marijuana. The case is pending court action.

In all, TNU handled 111 complaints in 1997, including 54 in Tuscola County, 47

in Lapeer County and 6 in Huron County.

The drug team's investigations resulted in 74 arrests on 121 criminal counts. The total includes 26 arrests in Tuscola County on a combined 52 counts.

There were 62 charges involving marijuana, 12 charges involving cocaine, 8 charges involving LSD, and one charge each involving barbiturates and steroids.

TNU investigations last year also resulted in charges of attempted armed robbery (2), conspiracy to commit armed robbery (2), robbery (2), attempted murder (1),

weapons violations (2), fugitive (26) and accosting and soliciting (2).

A chart comparing TNU activities in recent years accompanies this story.

TNU, which relies on cooperation from local, county and state police agencies throughout the Thumb, serves Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties with a contingency of 7 officers and a secretary in a geographical area encompassing 205,500 people.

The unit, which was created 7 1/2 years ago, is a multi-jurisdiction team funded by federal, state and local monies.

## Thumb Narcotics Unit

### Activity comparison

	1995	1996	1997
Complaints	92	129	111
Intelligence Reports	48	68	34
Total Persons Arrested	73	110	74
Drug Charges	49	89	60
Other Charges	24	21	14
Total Counts	117	198	121
Drug Counts	74	146	84
Other Counts	43	52	37

## The Haire Net



It didn't strike me as odd. Odd is different. Odd is unusual. Certainly the Mateen Cleaves episode, where he was caught drinking in a car after the Michigan State basketball win over the University of Michigan, is not that unusual.

It's hard to pick up a paper these days and not read of one or more athletes involved in a fracas that ends in arrest.

Proving that an incident doesn't have to be odd to be newsworthy. Cleaves' arrest was headlined on the front of every metro paper.

The details of the case hadn't been revealed when this was written Thursday, but a player sitting in a car drinking (not driving) is not that big a deal unless, of course, you are a Spartan fan or coach Tom Izzo.

Cleaves is underage and when he drinks he breaks the law. He deserves whatever discipline MSU feels is appropriate. No matter what it turns out to be, it's sure to be termed to lenient or too severe depending on where your sympathies are.

In the same issue of the Detroit News that carried the Cleaves story there was another tucked away on an inside page. It showed that State had reaped \$17 million in royalties from patents of 2 drugs, Cisplatin and Carboplatin, discovered by MSU scientists.

Those drugs have come to be considered almost a complete cure for most testicular cancer.

It's true that the drugs were first marketed in 1972 so there's no real immediacy to the story, except perhaps that it pushed MSU's patent revenues past the amounts received from all Michigan colleges and such prestigious universities as Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Critics will say that it's the media's fault that the story didn't receive the attention it deserves.

Yet, the day that the Cleaves story broke a group of us

played bridge. If they saw the story about the drug patent no one mentioned it.

The Cleaves story monopolized the conversation and his involvement in an auto accident while he was being recruited when he was a passenger in a car filled with U of M players was reviewed.

While the media may not be blameless, it's sure that they are giving the customers what they want.

Even if they say they don't.



# The back forty

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by Roger Pond

Those who have passed the age of 50 will agree few events change a person's life more than that fateful birthday. We don't feel any older, look any older, or think any differently, but our mail suddenly goes bonkers.

First we get the AARP letters, then new age medicine brochures begin arriving, and finally last week I received an offer for funeral insurance.

Where are these folks getting their lists? I really don't feel all that bad!

The most interesting mail I've received recently is a brochure describing a breakthrough in medical science. This literature explains that scientists once scoffed at medicines and techniques used by the witch doctors, Indian medicine men, and shamans.

But now progressive scientists are recognizing the old tribal doctors had some powerful medicine — and pretty good mailing lists for people over 50. So now all of these folks are in cahoots and sending me brochures nearly twice a week!

My latest medical mailer describes the problem with free radicals and shows how these particles bounce around our bodies, bombarding cells and upsetting the molecular order. The brochure's authors say the amount of cells destroyed by free radicals over the years is enormous.

"Pathologists have found that the size of a 25-year-old person's liver is often twice that of a 70-year-old," they say. (There's some good news. I was afraid it went the other way.)

"As the major organs are eaten away by free radicals, they become less and less efficient, causing many malfunctions within the body."

There's a photo of a man with skin made of clear plastic. His insides look like the bottom of my tool box: A conglomeration of bolts, springs, and pipe fittings.

The brochure explains that

free radicals are oxidants, just like rust is a form of oxidation. We will rust to death inside if we don't take some anti-oxidants. (Or maybe a shot of oil once in awhile.)

I'll skip over the gory details of brain cells exploding, skin wrinkling, and arteries clogging. But, I ask you, is anybody under 50 getting this cheerful information?

The best part of my latest brochure are the letters from satisfied customers. The major theme of these testimonials is that folks are experiencing more energy and an improved sex-drive — although one person reports his golf game has improved by 5 strokes, also.

One fellow writes, "(This product) has made me feel like I'm 35 years old, not the 55 that I am. My appetite and energy are high, and best of all I'm having sex more than once a night. Here's a big thank you for a sensational product."

I read that and thought, "Who's this guy trying to kid? He may think he's smart now, but he'll be in a heap of trouble when his wife finds out."

## Day of Prayer slated

The Thumb zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Women in Mission will host a Day of Prayer Service March 16, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City.

The Prayer Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a Soup and Sandwich Supper served by the Youth Group of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Cost of the meal is \$3.50.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Prayer Service and the supper. Child care will be available.

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## Support group mingler set

Catholic Family Service, 129 Burnside Street, Caro, invites anyone interested in attending a Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group to attend a "Get Acquainted Mingler" on Monday, March 2 at 5 p.m.

Questions concerning the group can be directed to Angela Gale at (517) 673-5352.

# Circuit court proceedings

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court Friday on various criminal charges:

- Darryl D. Nixon, 34, Midland, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Oct. 12 in Akron Township.
- Bond was continued at \$10,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Kelli M. Willis, 17, Mayville, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Jan. 16 in Dayton Township.
- Bond was continued at \$5,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered for the defendant, who was ordered to attend school full time and adhere to a curfew. Sentencing is to be set.
- Troy E. Giddings, 22, Millington, was sentenced to 274 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, and his probation was reinstated following his plea of guilty to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct Oct. 20, 1995, in Millington, and probation violation. Giddings was ordered to enter a sub-

stance abuse program.

- Allan L. Stephen, 22, Fostoria, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, fourth degree, Dec. 15 in Vassar Township.
- Stephen was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Bond was set at \$1,500 cash and the defendant was ordered to pay a \$60 victim crime fee.
- Becky J. England, 22, Cass City, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for her plea of guilty to possession of marijuana June 13 in Elkland Township, and one prior felony conviction.
- England was ordered to pay \$1,000 in court costs and fines plus \$387.50 in attorney fees, \$150 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.
- John P. Proper, 40, Akron, was sentenced to 7 to 15 years in prison for his conviction on 3 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct last June and July in Akron.

Proper, who was also or-

dered to pay a \$60 victim crime fee, was convicted of the offenses by a jury following a one-day trial.

- Ryan D. Malkowski, 19, Mayville, was sentenced to 6 months in jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of no contest to third degree child abuse Sept. 23 in Dayton Township. He was also ordered to pay a \$60 victim crime fee.
- Robert H. Viars Jr., 28, Fostoria, was sentenced to 32 to 48 months incarceration for his conviction on charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer, fourth degree, Oct. 5 in Ellington Township, and having 2 prior felony convictions.

The court recommended substance abuse counseling and remanded the defendant to the custody of the sheriff's department.

## 3 face felony charges

Three people were recently arraigned on separate felony charges in Tuscola County District Court.

- Kevin J. Tolfree, 19, Reese, is charged with breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, larceny in a building and unlawfully driving away an automobile April 22 in Gifford Township.
- Bond in the case was set at \$10,000. A preliminary examination was scheduled for March 13 at 9 a.m.
- Frank J. Francetic III, 21, Reese, was arraigned on 2 counts of malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$100 Nov. 21 in Reese.
- Bond was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for March 6 at 9 a.m.
- John W. Koutz, 37, St. Louis, is charged with contractor—fraudulent use of building funds last May and June in Dayton Township.
- Bond was set at \$10,000. A preliminary exam is scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m.

# Letter to the editor

## Union rep: you can't lose jobs that you never had

Mr. John Haire,

I'm responding to your article in last week's paper, "Labor dispute halts General Cable expansion", and also your continued anti-union right wing interpretation of union related articles. Whether it be the UAW, USWA or teachers union etc., you always suggest that it's the union's fault for all bad things that happen. I personally feel sorry for you that you are so uneducated about today's unions and the history they represent. I don't think it's fair to your readers that you interpret related articles as you see them instead of printing the facts.

Just because we don't have our pictures in the paper every week handing over checks or articles written about all the various organizations in the area we support, you and your readers are unaware of the thousands of dollars donated by the members of the United Steelworkers of America, everything from baseball, soccer, Boy Scouts, the victims of the Sommers Bakery fire, to the hospital, library, fire dept., banners for the village, just to name a few. Even though most of our 165 members do not live in Cass City but in surrounding towns, there is never a question in supporting the town we work in.

I was raised in a home where we were taught to have strong beliefs, not only in ourselves but the things we stand for, and believe in. The union is one of those things, so when someone like you calls and wants information on a story, I give you correct information, and you still write the article the way you want that makes me and my members upset.

Number one, you cannot lose something you did not have, the bargaining committee represents 165 members of the United Steelworkers of America Local 6222, and I have worked at the plant 29 years.

Yes, premium pay and several other issues keep us from coming to an agreement on a proposal with General Cable Corp., and the company had other ways to implement the 4th shift but chose not to do that.

So when your readers or other people tell us what we lost, we didn't lose anything because we didn't have it.

What we didn't lose was our benefits and premium pay that our brothers and sisters before us worked very hard to get, over 35 years of negotiating and bargaining, that's what unions are all about, protecting our members and providing them with a fair contract that both the company and union can live with.

This article has shown me and several others that even when you are presented with facts you can not relay them to your readers.

Deborah Elliott  
President USWA Local 6222

## Ubly students jump to fight heart disease

The students of Ubly Elementary are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease.

Saturday, Feb. 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Ubly High School Gym, the school will hold its third Jump Rope For Heart event. Students will win exciting prizes and raise money to benefit the American Heart Association Affiliate's fight for health, physical education, recreation and dance.

Jump Rope For Heart teaches participants about the benefits of regular exercise and a healthy lifestyle, while promoting teamwork and building school spirit. The event emphasizes the importance of a healthy lifestyle, including proper nutrition, exercise, not smoking and controlling high blood pressure.

In conjunction with the Jump Rope For Heart, the Ubly FHA will be sponsoring a health fair for the community. Participating in the health fair will be Hills & Dales General Hospital, Huron Memorial Hospital, Thumb Area Home Care, Michigan Athletic & Reha-

bilitation Center, Tri-County Medical Equipment and Ubly Medical Clinic.

The health fair will be at the Ubly Community School, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

Individuals attending the health fair will have the opportunity to participate in 10-minute first aid segments, glucometer checks, blood pressure checks and oxygen tests. They will also be able to do 10-minute fitness segments, have a fat analysis done and enjoy healthy snacks.

Individuals who participate in the health fair have a great opportunity to promote health awareness and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Contact Pat Bolda at 658-8554 for more information about getting involved in the Jump Rope For Heart.

# Gagetown chief bags \$6,212 grant

Gagetown Police Chief Ken Curry will be maximizing his time on the beat thanks to his success in securing a federal law enforcement grant.

Curry recently learned he will be receiving a \$6,212 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for technology and equipment purchases.

Curry plans to use the money to purchase a Mobile Data Terminal or equivalent.

In this case, the equipment will be a lap top computer installed in a patrol car, allowing Curry to communicate with central dispatch. On a routine traffic stop, for example, he will be able to

use the unit to check on a driver's record and whether he or she has any outstanding warrants.

"Everything done now over the radio can done with the computer," he said.

The technology will also enable Curry to type reports in his patrol car, eliminating some trips back to the office and, subsequently, allowing him to spend more time on the road.

Curry, who hopes to have the equipment installed sometime over the next couple of months, noted his COPS grant is one of few approved across the country that does not require any matching funds. There will be no cost to the village of Gagetown, he said.

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**THE OWEN-GAGE 8th grade basketball team has compiled an impressive 23-1 record over the past 2 seasons under Coach Brian Wright. Shown posing with the championship trophy of the Akron Invitational are team members: (front from left) Dale Minkler, Corbin Swiastyn, Lee Strickland, Kenny Kady, Nathan Kain, Josh Errer. Back, from left; Jeremy Story, Coach Wright, Earl McKee, Guthry Laurie.**

# Bulldogs upset North Huron in league contest

If you find something that works, you stay with it. That's exactly what Coach Jim Brinkman's Owen-Gage Bulldogs did last week to upset visiting North Huron. With the win, Owen-Gage puts themselves in a position to overtake Port Hope and Caseville in the North Central Thumb League standings. The Bulldogs, one game behind Caseville, were scheduled to meet the Eagles Tuesday night. On Friday, the Bulldogs travel to Akron-Fairgrove where they will be favored to sweep the Vikings in their 2nd meeting of the season. The Vikings have only one win in 16 starts. On Tuesday against North Huron, the Bulldogs used a 22 for 30 effort at the foul line to record a 67-61 win. The win followed last week's victory over Akron-

Fairgrove where the Bulldogs converted 20 of 25 attempts at the charity stripe. Owen-Gage also added another component to their winning formula against the Warriors. Besides splendid foul shooting, the Bulldogs were guilty of only 4 turnovers, a season low, during the NCTL victory. Owen-Gage used the long ball in the opening quarter to grab a 17-10 advantage after the initial period. Joe Salcido, Derek Howard and Dan Dorsch all connected from behind the 3-point arc to give the host a 7 point lead entering the 2nd frame. On the night, the winners shot 42% from 3-point land in a dozen tries. Howard registered a dozen of his game high 24 tallies during the 2nd period where the Bulldogs increased their advantage to 37-28 entering the break. Jeremy Blublitz, who led the Warriors with 13 points, helped the visitors cut into the Bulldogs' advantage during the 3rd frame with a pair of baskets from both the floor and foul line. But a balanced scoring attack that saw 5 different Bulldogs enter the score book offset Blublitz's effort and the hosts claimed a 50-43 edge entering the final 8 minutes.

North Huron converted just 6 of 15 foul shots in the final frame that prevented the guests from any comeback hopes. Besides Howard, the Bulldogs had Chad Mellendorf in double figures with 10 points. Mellendorf also had a team high 10 rebounds. North Huron's Floyd Rice and Jeff Ruth were the game's only other players to reach double figures, splitting 22 points.

**O-G-PECK**  
**OWEN-GAGE** - Brinkman 1-0 (0-2) 2; J. Salcido 2-0 (0-0) 4; R. Salcido 0-0 (1-2) 1; Howard 5-1 (1-2) 14; Maxson 1-0 (0-2) 2; Anthes 1-0 (2-2) 4; Mellendorf 4 c (2-3) 10; Bolzman 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
**TOTALS - 15-1 (6-14) 39.**  
**PECK GAME**  
**PECK** - Hoist 2-2 (0-1) 10; Leonard 5-2 (0-0) 16; Reno 0-0 (3-3) 3; Stafford 4-1 (0-1) 11; After 4-0 (0-0) 8; Smith 4-1 (1-2) 12; Presnell 1-2 (0-0) 8; Gerds 1-0 (0-2) 2; Worth 5-0 (4-5) 14.  
**TOTALS - 26-8 (8-15) 84.**

In the Bulldogs' latest outing, Friday at Peck, the Pirates possessed too many weapons and recorded a lopsided 84-39 NCTL win. A 28-7 run to open the contest propelled the Pirates to the easy win. The hosts had 5 players reach double digits led by Jason Leonard's game high 16 markers. Rich Worth tossed in 14 points, while Lee Smith added 12 tallies. Scott Stafford and Derick Hoist added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the hosts. Howard led all Bulldog scorers with 14 markers. Mellendorf accounted for 10 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists for the guests.

**O-G-NH**  
**OWEN-GAGE** - Brinkman 3-0 (0-0) 6; J. Salcido 0-1 (3-3) 6; Howard 4-2 (10-11) 24; Anthes 2-0 (1-4) 5; Mellendorf 3-0 (4-4) 10; Bolzman 2-0 (4-4) 8; Dorsch 1-2 (0-0) 8.  
**TOTALS - 15-5 (22-30) 67.**  
**NORTH HURON** - Rice 1-2 (3-3) 11; Mausolf 0-0 (1-2) 1; Detrick 0-0 (1-2) 1; Bresky 4-0 (0-5) 8; Langely 2-0 (1-4) 5; Blublitz 3-0 (7-8) 13; Ruth 5-0 (1-2) 11; Kitchen 1-0 (0-0) 2; Bresky 4-0 (1-4) 9.  
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 600 Series: C. Smith 630.  
 500 Series: Phyllis McIntosh 549, J. LaRoche 535, L. Erla 521, K. O'Dell 509, N. Wallace 507, J. Morell 503.  
 200 Games: C. Smith 220-206-204, Phyllis McIntosh 213, J. LaRoche 205.

**MERCHANETS**  
 Feb. 18, 1998

Charmont 19  
 Wickes 13  
 Gemini Plastics 12  
 New England Life 12  
 Brentwood 11  
 R & H Body Shop 10  
 Cass City Sports 10  
 Independent Bank 9

**MERCHANETTE LEAGUE I**  
 End of Round III  
 Feb. 19, 1998

Health Mart Pills 21  
 Caro Chiropractic 17  
 Thumb Auto Wash 16  
 J.B.'s Crew 14  
 Hills & Dales 13  
 Silver Birch Kennel 12  
 Detroit Edison 10

C. Anthes 612 (216-215), L. Prime 609 (210), G. Robinson 601 (245), M. Gettel 598 (211), B. Kingsland 581 (213), R. Salcido 565, P. Voss 556, D. Roth 555 (212), R. Rabideau 555, B. Anthes 551 (223), J. Storm 550, R. Witherspoon 550, P. Martin 222, R. Wright 210.

**FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES**  
 Feb. 20, 1998

Easy 7 52  
 Gator 41  
 The Family 39  
 Grumblers 30  
 Dodgers 25  
 Rolling Thunder 22  
 Men of Steel 22  
 New Team 21

**THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE**

K R E W 22  
 Golden Oldies 21  
 Alley Cats 15  
 Dee's M.P. Rockets 12  
 S T A R 12

High Team Series & Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 1648 & 587.

**THURSDAY NITE TRIO**  
 Feb. 19, 1998

General Cable 4  
 Thumb Auto Wash 3  
 Mycogen Plant Sciences 3  
 Marlette Oil & Gas 3  
 Pioneer Seeds 3  
 N E I C 2  
 Martin Electric 1  
 Hyatt Farms Two 1  
 Hyatt Farms One 1  
 Robin King Builders 1  
 Schmalz Construction 0

**High Individual series & Games:** D. Mathewson 513 (193), V. Bilicki 452 (172), L. Zajak 168, W. Skakle 155, E. Bell 153.

**CHARMONT LADIES**

Dott Manufacturing 17 1/2  
 Cass City Tire 12  
 Wild Johns 12  
 Live Wires 11  
 Sister Act 11  
 Dee's M.P. Rockets 10  
 Pizza Villa 10  
 Cable-ettes 8  
 Team # 7 5  
 J.B.'s Crew 3 1/2

High Team Series & Game: Cass City Tire 3068 (1068).

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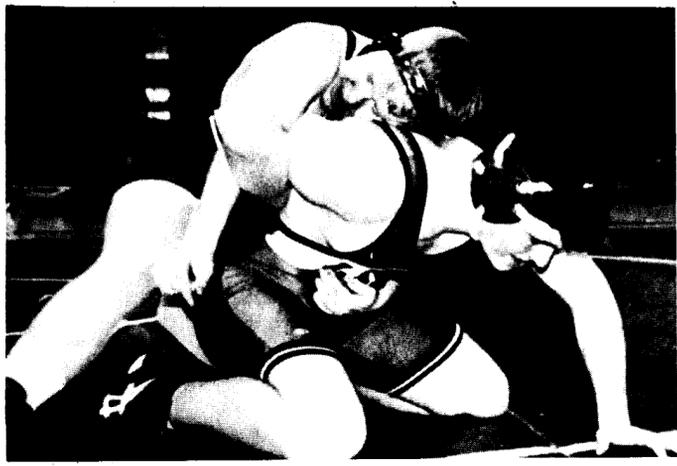
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*Team in regionals Wednesday*

# Hawks roll to league wrestling title



CASS CITY'S Chad Wolschlager (top) pinned Laker's Ben Gothro at the 3:15 mark of their match during Wednesday's district finals in Cass City.

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team is celebrating its best week in the history of the sport following a team district title won in Cass City Wednesday and an outstanding effort in the individual districts held Saturday at New Haven.

In the team districts the Hawks coasted to easy wins over Sandusky and Lakers.

Sandusky bowed, 72-12, and the Hawks were ahead 66-0 before losing 2 of the final 3 matches. It was even more lopsided with the Lakers who won just the 215-pound weight class and lost all the others.

Cass City was helped because Sandusky had 6 weight classes without wrestlers and Lakers, 5.

The victories moved the Hawks' record to a gaudy 14-3-1 for the season. Cass City will meet Marlette today

(Wednesday) in the first round of the team regionals at New Haven.

The other teams in the regionals are Memphis and Harper Woods. The winner advances to the quarter-finals to be held Friday, Mar. 6.

**INDIVIDUAL TOURNEY**

There were 14 teams entered in the individual districts and the top 4 wrestlers in each weight class qualify for the regionals to be held Saturday in Olivet.

Cass City qualified more individuals to the regionals than any other team with its best outing of the year. Coach Don Markel said the results showed the benefits of the tough regular season schedule when the 10 Hawks qualified.

Three Hawks placed first. Roy Davis at 103 pounds, Nathan Matt at 145 pounds and Adam Dorland, 130 pounds.

Placing third were Chad Wolschlager at 215 pounds, Cory Mayer at 135 pounds

and Chris Dubay at 275 pounds.

Taking fourth place honors were Travis Schneeberger at 112 pounds, Scott Moore at 119 pounds, Dave Sutter at 152 pounds and Phil Mathewson at 171.

As good as the results were, Markel said, it's highly probable that 2 injured Hawks would also have qualified. They are Wes Gibbard at 140 pounds and Jalal Khoury at 189 pounds.

**BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

**GREATER THUMB WEST**

Team	W	L	W	L
EPBP	9	0	16	1
Cass City	5	3	12	4
Reese	4	4	10	6
BCAS	3	4	9	6
Mayville	3	4	9	6
USA	3	6	5	12
Bad Axe	0	9	3	14

\* clinched at least tie for title

EPBP (3) - vs. Reese; vs. Mayville; vs. Cass City  
 Cass City (4) - vs. BCAS; at Mayville; vs. Mayville; at EPBP  
 Reese (4) - at EPBP; vs. Bad Axe; at USA; at BCAS

**GREATER THUMB EAST**

Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	8	2	11	3
H. Beach	8	2	9	7
Marlette	6	4	8	8
Uby	3	6	5	10
Cros-Lex	3	6	5	10
Sandusky	3	7	4	12
Yale	3	8	4	12
Deckerville	0	9	1	14

Brown City (4) - at Harbor Beach; vs. Deckerville; at Sandusky; at Uby  
 Harbor Beach (4) - vs. Brown City; at Yale; vs. Uby; at Cros-Lex  
 Marlette (4) - at Deckerville; at Uby; vs. Yale; vs. Sandusky

**NORTH CENTRAL THUMB**

Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	9	1	13	3
Peck	9	2	13	4
North Huron	7	4	10	6
CPS	6	5	9	7
Caseville	4	7	5	10
Port Hope	3	8	5	10
Owen-Gage	3	8	3	12
A-F	1	10	1	15

Kingston (4) - at Port Hope; vs. Peck; at North Huron; vs. A-F; vs. Peck  
 Peck (3) - vs. A-F; vs. Peck; vs. Port Hope

**TUESDAY'S GAMES**

Mayville at Cass City  
 BCAS at Cass City  
 Reese at EPBP  
 Brown City at Harbor Beach  
 Cros-Lex at Uby  
 Marlette at Deckerville  
 Yale at Sandusky  
 A-Fairgrove at Peck  
 Owen-Gage at Caseville  
 North Huron at CPS  
 Kingston at Port Hope

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**

Bad Axe at Reese  
 USA at BCAS  
 Cass City at Mayville  
 Deckerville at Brown City  
 Sandusky at Cros-Lex  
 Harbor Beach at Yale  
 Marlette at Uby  
 Owen-Gage at A-Fairgrove  
 CPS at Port Hope  
 Caseville at North Huron  
 Peck at Kingston

**SATURDAY'S GAME**

Mayville at Cass City (Make-up from 1-23)



THE CASS CITY wrestling team added a district title Wednesday to their league toga by whipping Sandusky 72-12 in the opening round and Lakers 78-6 in the finals.

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DEREK BELLEW, 14, Cass City, accepts a district championship award from a tournament official following the Saginaw Badgers' win earlier this month. The team now goes on to state final competition next month.

*Bellew aids hockey team in quest for state crown*

A Cass City teen is among the members of a Saginaw-based traveling hockey squad that recently claimed its first district championship.

Derek Bellew, 14, an eighth grade student at Cass City Middle School, is a member of the Saginaw Badgers, a Bantam A Travel team that went 5-0 in districts earlier this month in Bay City to earn the right to battle for the state title next month in Cheboygan.

The Badgers enter the state tourney with a record of 31-12-4.

Bellew, the son of Craig Bellew, Cass City, is a center who has racked up 32 goals on the season along with 7 assists.

Bellew has been playing hockey for the past 6 years. He said the Badgers' season begins Sept. 1 and continues through the third week in March. The team practices twice a week and plays twice a week, traveling as far away as Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Port Huron, Woodhaven, Mt. Clemens, Birch Run and Midland.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
<b>February 24</b> Mayville at Bad Axe BCAS at Cass City Reese at Lakers Brown City at H. Beach Marlette at Deckerville Cros-Lex at Uby Yale at Sandusky Akron-Fair. at Peck O-G at Caseville North Huron at C-PS Kingston at Port Hope	Mayville Cass City Lakers Brown City Marlette Uby Sandusky Peck Caseville North Huron Kingston	Mayville Cass City Lakers Brown City Marlette Uby Sandusky Peck Owen-Gage C-PS Kingston	Mayville Cass City Lakers Brown City Marlette Uby Sandusky Peck Owen-Gage North Huron Kingston	Mayville Cass City Lakers Brown City Marlette Uby Yale Peck Owen-Gage North Huron Kingston
<b>February 27</b> Bad Axe at Reese USA at BCAS Cass City at Mayville Deckerville at B. City Harbor Beach at Yale Marlette at Uby Owen-Gage at A-F Caseville at N. Huron C-PS at Port Hope Peck at Kingston Cass City at Mayville (2/28)	Reese BCAS Cass City Brown City Harbor Beach Marlette Akron-Fair. North Huron Port Hope Kingston Cass City	Reese BCAS Cass City Brown City Harbor Beach Marlette Owen-Gage North Huron C-PS Kingston Cass City	Reese BCAS Cass City Brown City Harbor Beach Marlette Owen-Gage North Huron C-PS Kingston Cass City	Reese USA Mayville Brown City Harbor Beach Uby Owen-Gage North Huron Port Hope Kingston Cass City
<b>Last Week's Totals</b>	(16-6)	(16-6)	(17-5)	(17-5)
<b>Percentages</b>	(129-44) 75%	(132-41) 76%	(136-37) 79%	(126-49) 73%

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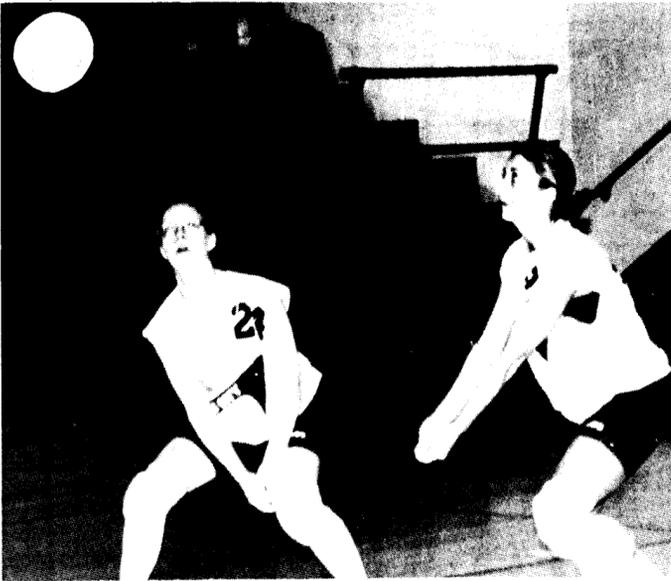
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**Hawks play 3 games this week**

# Losses to Reese, USA eliminate Hawks from league title race



**DOUBLE COVERAGE.** Red Hawks Melissa Albrecht (24) and Cara Graichen converge on a free ball Thursday against visiting Mayville. Cass City defeated the Wildcats with wins of 15-6, 15-8, and 15-13.

**Post 2 wins**

## Cass City spikers in best effort of year

As weeks go, this past one was a keeper for the Cass City volleyball team.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers started the week by collecting a pair of wins at home, before traveling Saturday to Vassar, where the Lady Hawks put together one of their best tournament showings of the year.

"We're getting better," says Howard. "For the first time all year we weren't playing defense all the time."

The Hawks (3-6 in dual meets) now have one match remaining - this Thursday at home against the Lakers - before the league meet at Pigeon Saturday.

Howard is hoping her team will continue to play at their current level during the league tourney.

She explained, "In the league tournament all 7 teams will face each other twice. Each win will count for a half point. Those points will be added to the number

of wins recorded during the regular season to determine the league champion."

At Vassar, the Hawks compiled a 2-6 record during pool play by splitting games against USA and Caro. In the Hawks' other matches, Cass City was blanked by host Vassar and Reese on the day.

**MAYVILLE GAME**

On Thursday, Cass City entertained Mayville and recorded their first Greater Thumb Conference West victory by sidelining the Wildcats in straight games.

The scores of the individual games were 15-6, 15-8, and 15-13.

Howard pointed to the service line as key to the win. "We kept our serve, which

helped us keep our momentum," said Howard. The Hawks served 85% as a team during the win.

Melissa Heinlein was the hosts' top scorer on the night with 11 tallies. While Kara Mellendorf accounted for 8 points and Jamie Englehart added 6.

At the net, the hosts got a banner outing from Shelly Ulfig who recorded 20 kills on 27 attacks. Ulfig and Mellendorf also combined for 5 blocks.

In the back row, Cass City received 7 digs each from Lindsay Maharg and Jamie Englehart. Maharg also handled a team high 14 receptions.

"Englehart is a pure hustler," commented Howard.

**BROWN CITY**

Earlier in the week, on Monday, Cass City used 5 games to defeat Brown City. The scores of the see-saw match were 15-5, 11-15, 15-13, 11-15, and 15-9.

Again, Heinlein led the Hawks with 12 points that included 7 aces. Heinlein was also credited with 18 assists and 2 digs.

On the front line, Ulfig converted 41 attacks into 23 kills and posted 8 blocks.

Cass City served at 93% during the win and reduced the number of reception errors, an area that has haunted the Hawks during the season.

Maharg and Cara Graichen were credited with 9 and 6 good receptions respectively.

Suddenly the 3 games left on the regular basketball schedule are just games, a time to get ready for the district tournament in 2 weeks.

That sad state of affairs came after the Cass City Red Hawks self-destructed in Greater Thumb West league losses to USA last Tuesday, 51-48, and Reese, 55-46, Friday.

Now a pair of games Friday and Saturday against Mayville and the season's final Mar. 6 at Lakers can do nothing but make the Hawks better also-rans in the conference.

When Cass City played Reese the first time, the Rockets used a pressing defense to come back from an 11-point deficit in the last half only to lose at the wire.

This time Reese went to the pressuring defense in the second quarter and kept it on the rest of the way and Cass City couldn't cope. The 23 Cass City turnovers were the story of the game.

The teams traded baskets in the first quarter and the Hawks edged in front, 9-8, as Andy Edwards hit a trey at the buzzer after missing his first 3 attempts. For the night, he was an offensive force scoring 20 points.

Because of foul trouble Cass City played part of the second period with both Heath Zawilinski and Craig Emmert on the bench and

Reese was quick to take advantage of it. They rushed to a 22-9 lead in the first 4 minutes and were never behind after that.

With turnovers popping up like dandelions in the spring, the winners stretched the lead to 44-29. The Hawks staged a mini-rally that closed the gap to 49-41 with 6:33 left to play, but Reese made 10 of 14 free throws to close out the game.

Zawilinski was in double figures for Cass City with 10

points, 5 points under his 15-point season's average. Cory Haubenstricker led the Rockets with 17 points.

**USA GAME**

While the loss to Reese was disappointing, the loss Tuesday to USA was devastating. Cass City was still very much in the thick of the race for the league title and the Patriots came in with just 3 wins all year.

USA was unable to find the

range from outside in the first quarter and Cass City took advantage of the lapse to charge into a 14-4 first period lead.

The visitors took most of the rest of the game to overcome the deficit and finally succeed. The Patriots closed the gap to 23-19 at the half and tied the score at 23-all early in the third quarter when Chuck Arnold converted a pair of free throws.

Cass City successfully answered that challenge when Emmert cashed in a pair of buckets from the low post and Edwards notched a pair of treys.

USA kept knocking at the door and finally edged into the lead, 50-48, with just over a minute left.

In that final minute, the Hawks had 2 chances to tie or win as USA missed 2 consecutive one and one shots.

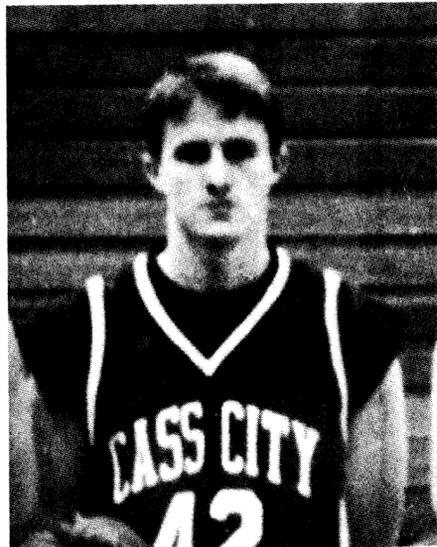
But Cass City turned the ball over both times without getting a shot and USA had its upset of the season.

The Hawks played the game without coach Jeff Hartel on the bench, out with sickness.

**CC-USA**

**CASS CITY** - Cuddy 1-0 (0-0) 2; Micklash 1-2 (0-0) 8; Lenhard 3-0 (0-0) 6; Zawilinski 3-0 (0-0) 6; Edwards 0-4 (4-4) 16; Emmert 5-0 (0-0) 10. **TOTALS - 13-6 (4-4) 48.**

**USA** - Singer 1-1 (0-0) 5; Hahn 1-0 (0-0) 2; Sattler 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kriesch 3-0 (2-3) 8; Weinlander 1-1 (0-0) 5; McNeil 0-1 (0-0) 3; Arnold 6-1 (3-4) 18; Koepf 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kemp 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS - 17-4 (5-7) 51.**



**ANDY EDWARDS scores 20 for Red Hawks.**

**CC-REESE**

**CASS CITY** - Goodall 0-0 (3-5) 3; Cuddy 2-0 (2-3) 6; Micklash 1-0 (3-5) 5; Lenhard 1-0 (0-0) 2; Zawilinski 2-1 (3-4) 10; Edwards 1-4 (6-7) 20; Emmert 4-0 (1-1) 9. **TOTALS - 11-5 (18-25) 55.**

**REESE** - DuRussel 2-1 (2-2) 9; Houghtacing 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hillborg 0-1 (0-0) 3; Havbenstricken 5-0 (7-9) 17; Mossner 1-1 (1-2) 6; Hilborg 4-0 (5-6) 13; Rethman 2-2 (0-0) 10; Elsesser 0-0 (1-2) 1; Gruber 0-0 (1-2) 1; Stockmeyer 3-0 (2-2) 8. **TOTALS - 18-5 (19-25) 70.**

### Little League sign-up set

Sign-up dates for Cass City Boys' Little League Baseball, T-ball, minor league and junior-senior league, and girls' little league, minor league and T-ball, have been scheduled.

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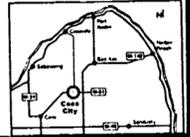


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# Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

### 5 YEARS AGO

Longtime Cass City veterinarian Dr. Ed Scollon was named the 1993 Citizen of the Year during the annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night at the Colony House.

Cass City's 1993 Junior Citizens of the Year are Amy Osantowski and Melissa Micklash.

The Cass City High School Snow King and Queen were announced at the half of the Cass City-Lakers basketball game Friday. Honored were seniors Heather Stratton and Ron Bouck.

Schools were closed and many activities were cancelled this week because of the storm which dropped 7 inches of snow on the area.

Cass City Red Hawks need to win the next 2 games in order to be sure of at least a tie for the title. They moved into that position with a key victory over the visiting Lakers, 59-42.

### 10 YEARS AGO

After nearly 18 years as Tuscola County's Clerk, Elsie M. Hicks will step down from the post at the end of December.

The Peoples State Bank of Caro and the Cass City State Bank of Cass City have been purchased by Community Financial Corporation.

Matt Chippi, a junior at Cass City High School, suffered cuts on the tips of 4 fingers of his right hand Thursday while operating a table saw in the 5th hour shop class. He was taken to Hills and Dales general Hospital for treatment and released.

Qualifying for individual regional competition held at DeWitt are Hawk grapplers, Bill Kappen, Henry Smith, Mike Mikolon, Chuck Merchant, Bill Kinney and Jeff Reed. The Hawk wrestlers earned the right to compete in Saturday's competition by finishing among the top 4 positions in district play.

Six seniors played their last home volleyball game for the Red Hawks Thursday and led Cass City to their 3rd Thumb B League win when they defeated the Marlette Red Raiders Thursday. The Hawks were led by Darlene Monroe who had 8 good blocks at the net and 23 good spikes with 10 landing for kills. Also figuring in the Hawk win was Teri Wilson who had 18 good serves and 4 aces.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The senior class trip this year will be to Nassau with a stop at Miami Beach. Students join the Senior Trip Club to earn money for the annual junket. The trip will cost each student \$236.75.

Back in 1920, evidently, a Senior trip had not been devised. According to the Chronicle a "class day" was held at the opera house and some familiar pioneer Cass City names performed. Highlight of the program was a singing quartet of McCoy, Atwell, Wood and Landon. In 1930 the Senior class traveled to the Upper Peninsula on a 4-day jaunt. And 38 of the 44 graduates went along, maybe because the cost for the 4 days was only \$4 each.

The Cass City Lions Auxiliary met Monday at Veronica's Restaurant. Eighteen members and 15 guests were present. After dinner a "silent auction" was held. Over 50 items, many of them handmade, were available. Items not purchased during the silent auction were auctioned off, with Kathy Tuckey the auctioneer.

Dick Szarapski, Kelly Road, brought in a pussy willow to the Chronicle Monday. That's the day the temperature hovered somewhere below zero. The pussy willow was a remnant of the 55-degree weather of the week before.

At Erla's Food Center: Bananas, 10 cents a pound; Sirloin steaks, \$1.29 a pound; Northern bathroom tissue, 3 4-roll pkgs. 39 cents.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Absenteeism at Cass City Public Schools, reported at a peak earlier this week, is being attributed to a "flu-like" virus by school officials. Although absenteeism is almost triple over a corresponding period for last year, it is still far below the near-epidemic flu attack which closed Caro Schools last week.

Steve Harbec Jr., 53, became the county's first 1963 traffic fatality. Harbec was fatally injured in a 2-car crash Sunday on M-81 near Colwood Road.

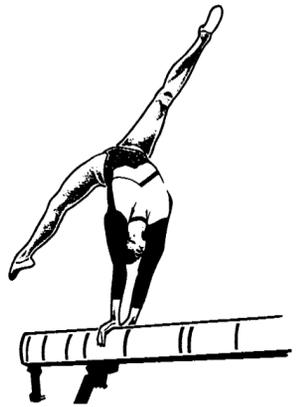
Two Gagetown youths have been named to the top posts for the 1963 graduating class of Owendale-Gagetown High School. Valedictorian is Kenneth Hofmeister, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hofmeister, Gagetown, and Danny O'Rourke, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Rourke, also of Gagetown, is salutatorian.

Mrs. Charles Tennant has announced the purchase of Ann's Home Restaurant, effective March 1. The sale of the business brings to an end a 12-year business career in Cass City for Miss Lenda.

Pvt. Gary Jones of Fort Knox, Ky., spent from Thursday evening until Sunday with his wife Doris and with other relatives. Pvt. Jones expects to be transferred March 2 to Indiantown Gap, Pa., for further clerical training.

# CASS CITY RED HAWK SCHEDULES

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS



## BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
BCAS at Cass City  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
Cass City at Mayville  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 4 p.m.  
Mayville at Cass City  
FRIDAY, MARCH 6  
Cass City at Lakers

## VOLLEYBALL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
Lakers at Cass City  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
Cass City at Vassar JV Tourney  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28  
Cass City at League Tourney  
MONDAY, MARCH 2  
Vassar at Cass City  
FRIDAY, MARCH 6  
Cass City at Districts

### CASS CITY BASKETBALL

Jan. 6 ..... Marlette  
9 ..... Reese  
12 ..... Caro - Frosh and JV  
11 ..... Caro - Varsity at the Palace  
18 ..... BCAS  
20 ..... Deckerville  
23 ..... Mayville  
27 ..... Sandusky  
Feb. 3 ..... Yale  
6 ..... Lakers  
10 ..... Brown City  
13 ..... Bad Axe  
17 ..... USA  
20 ..... Reese  
24 ..... BCAS  
27 ..... Mayville  
28 ..... 4 p.m. Mayville  
March 6 ..... Lakers

Home games in bold  
Freshman games at middle school, 6 p.m.  
JV games at high school, 6 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Dec. 13 ..... Laker-JV Tourney  
15 ..... Ubyly/AF  
Jan. 7 ..... Caro  
9 ..... Bad Axe JV  
10 ..... Bad Axe Var.  
15 ..... Bad Axe  
19 ..... Brown City  
22 ..... USA  
29 ..... Reese  
Feb. 5 ..... BCAS  
9 ..... Yale  
14 ..... Laker Var. Tourney  
16 ..... Brown City  
19 ..... Mayville  
21 ..... Vassar Var. Tourney  
21 ..... JV League Bad Axe  
26 ..... Lakers  
27 ..... Vassar JV Tourney  
28 ..... League  
March 2 ..... Vassar  
6 ..... Districts

Home games in bold.

### WRESTLING

Dec. 4 ..... Caro/Capac  
6 ..... Cros-Lex Tourn.  
13 ..... Marlette Tourn.  
17 ..... Bendle  
Jan. 3 ..... Yale Tourn.  
10 ..... Sanjusky Tourn.  
14 ..... Mayville/Lakers  
17 ..... Bridgeport Tourn.  
21 ..... Bad Axe/Sand. T  
24 ..... Mayville Tourn.  
28 ..... Marlette/  
Brown City  
31 ..... Imlay City Tourn.  
Feb. 4 ..... Cros Lex/Yale  
5 ..... Millington/BR  
11 ..... Vassar/Garber  
14 ..... League  
18 ..... Districts  
21 ..... Ind. districts  
Home meets in bold.

### GYMNASTICS

Dec. 11 ..... Vassar  
Jan. 10 ..... Plymouth Salem  
14 ..... Midland Dow  
17 ..... Hartland  
22 ..... Vassar  
26 ..... Midland HS.  
Feb. 2 ..... Midland High/Dow  
7 ..... Freeland Inv.  
10 ..... Hartland  
14 ..... Saint Johns  
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	Ratio	Multiplier
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Residential	46.95	1.0650
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Dan Erla, Supervisor

## Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

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**TUES., MARCH 10**  
8:30 - 11:30 a.m. & 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	43.62	1.1463
Residential	41.98	1.1910
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Timber-Cutover	50.00	1.0000

**Ellington Township Hall**  
Duane Lockwood, Supervisor

## Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

For **Elmwood Township**

Will Be Held  
**MON., MARCH 9**  
**THURS., MAR. 12**  
9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	50.40	.9921
Residential	40.70	1.2285
Commercial	50.00	1.00
Personal	50.00	1.00

**Elmwood Township Hall, Gagetown**  
Jim Turner, Supervisor

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For **Evergreen Township**

Will Be Held  
**MON., MARCH 9**  
**TUES., MARCH 10**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Evergreen Township Hall**

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	1.135	
Residential	1.070	
Commercial	1.090	

Audrey Leslie, Supervisor

## Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

For **Grant Township**

Will Be Held  
**MARCH 9 & 10**  
9 a.m. till Noon  
1 p.m. till 4 p.m.

**Grant Township Hall**

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	47.31	1.0569
Residential	44.34	1.1276

Mike Mandich, Supervisor

### Ada Daily

Ada Iona Daily, 90, of Kingston, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998, after a short illness, in St. Mary's Medical Center.

She was born May 29, 1907, in Mayville to Stanley and Emily (Hall) Stokes. She married James Dawson Daily May 29, 1935, in Armada. He died March 26, 1975.

Mrs. Daily graduated from County Normal. She worked as a school teacher at the Clifford, East Dayton, and Smith schools. She was a member of the Kingston United Methodist Church, the Domino Club, the Ada Circle, and the Knitting Class.

Ada is survived by her children, James (Bev) Daily of Kingston, MaryEm (Bill) Kleinfelder of Saginaw,

Leland R. (Sharon) Daily of Kingston, Paul (Mary Ann) Daily of Caro; 7 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Dale Stokes, and brother, Verald Stokes.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in Kingston United Methodist Church with the Rev. Margaret Passenger officiating.

Interment will be in East Dayton Cemetery, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

### Clara Eberts

Clara Matilda Eberts, 85, of Cass City, died Monday, Feb.

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## Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

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**MARCH 9**  
9 a.m. - noon & 1 - 4 p.m.  
**MARCH 10** 6 - 9 p.m.

**Greenleaf Township Hall**  
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Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	43.99	1.136622
Residential	43.08	1.0606
Commercial	38.35	1.3038
Industrial	45.21	1.1060
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Margaret Ford, Supervisor

## Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

For **Novesta Township**

Will Be Held  
**MARCH 9**  
9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.  
**MARCH 10**  
9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.

**Novesta Township Hall, Deford**

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	47.31	1.0569
Residential	44.34	1.1276

Maynard Stine, Supervisor

16, 1998, in a friend's home. She was born Sept. 3, 1912, in Monroe to Robert and Agnes (Wickenheiser) Fountain. She married William Eberts. He died in 1978.

Clara owned a beauty shop in Detroit before moving to Cass City. She enjoyed real estate. In later years she volunteered at Tendercare Nursing Facility in Cass City.

She is survived by her sister, Hilda Dobson of Tawas; a brother, Joseph Fountain, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held in the spring.

Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Marjorie Hartley

Marjorie Jean Hartley, 67, of Lapeer, died Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, at Lapeer Regional Hospital.

She was born March 22, 1930, in Cass City to Joshua and Anna Mae (Robinson) Sharrard. Marjorie met John Hartley at the Cass Theatre where she was a ticket taker. They were married Oct. 8, 1946, in Cass City.

Marjorie and John lived in Pontiac for over 40 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Waterford.

Marjorie is survived by her husband, John; children, Joyce (Myron) Bolyon of Port Richey, Fla., Sandy (Wayne) Hutchinson of Clarkston, Larry (Tina) Hartley of Lapeer, Linda (Tim) Spangler of Lapeer, Brenda (Michael) Seabrook of Lake Orion; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; brother, Eldon (Betty) Sharrard of Waterford; sister, Helen (Lawrence) Bartle of Cass City, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Norman Sharrard.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 23, in Little & Kranz Funeral Home with the Rev. David Burkett, of Colwood United Brethren in Christ Church, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of the donors choice.

Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Charles "Pappy" Hull

Charles Ray "Pappy" Hull, 76, of Kingston, died suddenly Saturday, Feb. 20, 1998, in his home.

He was born March 7, 1921, in Terra Haute, Ind., to Charles and Edith Hull. He married Ann Laura Stevens June 30, 1942, in Detroit. She died July 7, 1986.

Mr. Hull retired from GMC Truck and Bus after working many years as a mechanic. He owned a salvage yard for over 25 years. He was a member of the Marlette Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his children, Evelyn (Marvin) Shapiro of Phoenix, Ariz., Roy Lee (Joan) Hull of Decker, Joann (Chuck) Izydorek of Decker, Edith M. (Eric) Wayman of Decker; stepdaughters, Lois (Jack) Helzer, Pearl (Carl) St. Clair; stepson, Pat Wells; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren; one step-great-great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his twin sister, Peggy Moore.

Funeral Services were held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb.

25, 1998, in Deford Community Church with the Rev. David Mercer officiating.

Interment was Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

### Harry Kehoe

Harry L. Kehoe, 78, of Gagetown, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998.

He was born Sept. 24, 1919, in Gagetown, the son of Leo J. and Elizabeth (Mullin) Kehoe. He married Genevieve LaFave Sept. 10, 1941, in Gagetown. She survives him.

Kehoe was a lifelong member of St. Agatha Catholic Parish. He worked as a school bus driver, drove gas and fuel delivery truck for ST & H Oil Company, and for several years, was Gagetown Village Clerk. He retired from Farm Bureau Fertilizer Plant in 1983.

Surviving are his wife, Genevieve; one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Jack Beith of Highland; one son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Barbara Kehoe of Brighton; 4 grandchildren, Michael, Brian, Nichol and Justin; one sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Ernest Hewitt of Westland; in-laws, Bud and Norma LaFave, Willa and Wendall Birch, all of Bay City, and Elaine Prieur of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; several nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Leo J. Jr.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 18, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Fr. George Serour officiating, assisted by Sr. Joan Maher.

Burial was in St. Agatha Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Agatha's or Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

Arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home in Caro.

### Carl Parsell

Carl E. Parsell, 62, of Pigeon, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998, at Bay Medical Center in Bay City following a short illness.

He was born in Stillwell, Okla., Oct. 28, 1935, the son of Clement and Beryl (Smith) Parsell. He married Betty A. Weidman at the Weidman family home in Pigeon Aug. 14, 1953. She survives him.

Mr. Parsell was self-employed, working in agri-business throughout his lifetime. He was a member of the Elktion Missionary Church.

He is survived by his wife, Betty A. of Pigeon; 3 daughters, Sherry (Gareth) Helmuth of Pigeon, Kathy (Brian) Hazard of Elktion and Dawn (Anthony) Van Arsdale of Goshen, Ind.; a son, Jeffery (Darlene) Parsell of Cass City; Takako Nishiyama of St. Louis, Mo.; 8 grandchildren; a brother, Earl (Linda) Parsell of Algonac, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Edwin, Norval, Harold, and Tim Parsell and Frank Hodder, and 2 sisters, Charlene Rankin and Doris Dascho.

Funeral services were

held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998, in Deford Community Church with the Rev. David Mercer officiating.

Interment was Kingston Cemetery, Kingston. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

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Funeral Services were held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb.

scheduled at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, from the Pigeon River Mennonite Church with the Rev. Larry Salsbury, pastor of Elktion Missionary Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Caseville Township Cem-

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Administrators	1997-98	Proposed 1998-99	Contract Term
<b>H.S. Director of Guidance &amp; Co-op</b>	57,578.00	58,874.00	2 yrs.
<b>Deford Principal/Special Projects Dir.</b>	54,182.00	55,401.00	2 yrs.
<b>Campbell Principal</b>	58,067.00	59,374.00	2 yrs.
<b>M.S. Principal</b>	60,212.00	61,567.00	2 yrs.
<b>H.S. Ass't Principal &amp; Ath. Dir.</b>	60,743.00	62,110.00	2 yrs.
<b>H.S. Principal</b>	64,528.00	65,980.00	2 yrs.
<b>Superintendent</b>	71,591.00	73,202.00	3 yrs.

## \$12,159 in Tuscola County

# FOC awarded grant

Tuscola County Friend of the Court has been awarded a grant of \$12,159 from the Office of Child Support to provide financial assistance to non-custodial parents in order to facilitate parenting time between those parents and their children.

Eligible candidates include parents and children who are now living in Michigan and parents whose children are living outside the state. Parents who receive money will not be requested to repay any portion of the award.

Basic criteria is as follows:  
1) The parent must have a case through the friend of the court;  
2) There must be a valid visitation or parenting order. Grant money may be used to purchase airline, bus or train tickets, hotel accommodations, gasoline or meal expenses or mileage. Income and expenses will be verified by the friend of the court.

Funding is available only through the summer and fall of 1998, so it is important that parents apply early to receive financial assistance. Application forms are available at the Friend of the Court office or by mail by calling (517) 673-4848.

## Schluckebier attends Farm Bureau conference

Leroy Schluckebier, of Frankenmuth, recently represented Tuscola County Farm Bureau at Michigan Farm Bureau's Council of Presidents' Conference, held Feb. 12 and 13 in Lansing. County leaders discussed issues effecting the agricultural industry and learned new ways to strengthen their own Farm Bureau organizations.

Farm Bureau leaders learned more about their roles through a number of workshops, including Conducting Effective Meetings, Creating a Positive Image Through Media Relations, and Effective Connections. Each of the 68 county Farm Bureaus is managed by a locally elected, farmer-controlled board of directors. Michigan Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization, with 161,366 member families.

Tours of the new Michigan State University swine research facility, meat lab, dairy plant and food science facility were a highlight of the 2-day event. Dr. Fred Poston, dean and vice provost of MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, addressed county leaders Friday following the livestock facility tours.

## Ciepichal new Walbro manager

Thomas P. Ciepichal has been named plant manager of Walbro Corporation's facility in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The announcement was made by Stephen D. Griffith, Walbro's vice president responsible for small engine operations in North America.

Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, addressed the presidents, Mike Warner, a North Dakota farmer and farmer-owned cooperative leader, spoke Thursday about value-added agriculture. Land-use planning and township zoning were the focus of Friday's sessions.

Ciepichal will have responsibility for all operations at the Nogales facility, which produces carburetors and ignition systems for small engine customers around the world.

"We are pleased to welcome Tom to Walbro," Griffith said in announcing Ciepichal's appointment. "His strong background in manufacturing and process engineering, including expertise in lean management, continuous improvement and QS 9000 disciplines, will further enhance our ability to serve our customers."

Ciepichal holds both a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Toledo. Ciepichal and his family will relocate to the Tucson, Ariz., area from Sterling Heights.

## Non-union wages up

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project engineer, says will be done. The cost now is \$256,024, as compared to the budget of \$250,000.

When the renovation was decided, Supt. Ken Micklash said that he thought that it would be an ideal job for local area builders and it has proven to be.

There are 14 separate contracts and 10 of them were awarded to contractors in Cass City or the Thumb.

Among them are Bliss Builders, Wright Painting, Ken Martin Electric.

## Legal notice

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Otto C. NIMBACH and Cindy A. NIMBACH, his wife to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 1994 and recorded on January 18, 1995 in Liber 669, on Page 510, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to NATIONSBANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION successor by merger to NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation of New York as assignee, by an assignment dated October 27, 1995 which was recorded on February 23, 1996 in Liber 886, on Page 500, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six And 25/100 dollars (\$55,346.25), including interest at 10.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on March 20, 1998.

Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 25, T11N-R11E; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds West 350.0 feet along the South line of said Section 25 to the point of beginning, running thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds West 443.0 feet along the South line of said Section 25; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 07 seconds East 450.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds East 447.01 feet; thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds West 450.02 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, T11N-R11E. Except 1/2 of all mineral, coal, oil and gas as set forth in Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 260 of Deeds, page 124 and any interest from subsequent instruments recorded pertinent thereto.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

\*There will be one vacancy on the school board to be filled at the annual election Monday, June 8. The term of Randy Severance is expiring. He has indicated that he will seek re-election.

\*Kelly Russell, Decker, was granted permission to attend kindergarten at Marlette Schools in 1989-99.

\*Marilyn Peter and Dave Knight were appointed to attend the student leadership forum at the Tuscola County Technological Center.

## Discuss campground proposal

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signs allowed in business districts, and the other adding specialized medical facilities to the uses allowed with special land use permits.

The public hearings will be held at the beginning of the council's March 23 meeting.

\*Learned Wastewater Treatment Plant employee Ken Schott has completed a course entitled "Effective Communication in the Municipal Environment," and plant Supt. Rick Mohr has been certified as a D-1 and S-3 waterworks system operator.

\*Acknowledged a certificate of appreciation presented by the Boy Scouts of America to Police Chief Gene Wilson in recognition of service to scouting.

## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 658-2347

Larry Keyser of Fenton was a Friday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser.

Bill Cleland and son of Walled Lake was a Sunday visitor of Marguerite Cleland and Carol. Alex remained to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osantoski.

Jim Hewitt visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland, Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn, Velma Cleland and Tom Bailey met at Stephano's restaurant in honor of Velma Cleland's birthday.

Mary Edith Jackson was a Tuesday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Velma Cleland were among friends and relatives who helped Dorothy Putterbaugh celebrate her birthday Sunday.

Thelma Jackson's visitors Wednesday were Jean Talaski, Charlotte Particka and Beatrice Sternberg.

Mrs. Jim Doerr, Wendy Rickett and Velma Cleland attended the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Olie McCallum Sunday afternoon.

Jim Hewitt visited Dorene Mills at Four Seasons Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Knapp of Walled Lake was a Thursday guest of Marguerite Cleland and Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka returned home from a 2-week trip to Holiday, Fla. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard.

Velma Cleland was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser Monday.

## Church to host "players"

Covenant Players, an international repertory theatre, utilizes a unique kind of drama. Using everything from light comedy to heavy drama, plus science fiction, biblical characterizations and more, the Players present the messages of the Gospel.

One of their 131 touring units will be performing Sunday at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Cass City on the corner of Ale and Pine Streets.

A finger food potluck will be held at 6:15 p.m. Table service and beverage will be provided.

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## Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

### Wednesday, February 25

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

### Friday, February 27

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

### Monday, March 2

Novesta Twp. Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.



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Hills & Dales General Hospital has a new Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Board Certified Physician on board. Muhammad S. Jilani, M.D., is working at the Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Centers (M.A.R.C.) in Cass City and Caro. Dr. Jilani is available for any of your rehabilitation and physical medicine needs. He deals with musculoskeletal & neurological problems, spinal cord and brain injuries, strokes, multiple sclerosis, cancer, amputations and any acute and chronic pain.



From left to right: Muhammad S. Jilani, M.D. and patient Kay Peruski.



Front row: Rosanne Prill, Director of Nursing; Sylvester Lamke, patient; Dr. DeSantis, Back Row: Kerry Brown, Social Worker; Get Ambas, M.A.R.C.; Majorie Leonard, Thumb Area Home Care.

John G. DeSantis, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, also joined the Hills & Dales team. Dr. DeSantis has a clinic and performs surgeries at the Hills & Dales General Hospital. Dr. DeSantis is available for all orthopaedic care: arthroscopic surgery, knee reconstruction, total knee and hip replacement, sports medicine, hand surgery & fracture care. Hills & Dales is very pleased to have your orthopaedic needs served right in our own community and your total health care services handled at our facility.



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**Township Valuations up 19% or more in 4 years**

	1997	1997
Elkland.....	72,809,800..... up 20%	Tuscola County..... 932,564,966..... up 23%
Elmwood.....	23,899,535..... up 22%	Evergreen..... 14,960,934..... up 19%
Kingston.....	22,007,265..... up 27%	Greenleaf..... 14,549,619..... up 19%
Novesta.....	22,600,391..... up 32%	Complete 25 year valuation inside



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**Agriculture lands recovering**

**Steady increase in residential valuation**

**Elkland Township Valuation Traced**

YEAR	AGRICULTURE	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL
1983	13,643,300	5,185,700	1,345,200	18,306,900
1993	9,819,000	8,313,800	1,832,300	27,267,710
1997	11,132,200	8,975,300	1,772,300	38,025,900

For many a home away from the hustle and bustle of the urban scene is where it's at and it's reflected in the growth in residential valuations for Tuscola County and 4 area townships in Tuscola County.

The trend is followed in the area's neighboring townships, Evergreen and Greenleaf, in Sanilac county. The increases are detailed in the accompanying chart and

a study of the county's population showed that between 1990 and 1995 the population increased by 5.7 percent.

While there has been a steady increase in valuations in the last 25 years, there have been marked swings in valuations in both agriculture and industrial values.

Residential valuations have increased the most and the most consistently. In the decade 1973-83 residential

property values increased about a third from \$15,043,800 in 1973 to \$27,267,700 in 1993. In just 5 years from 1993 to 1997 residential property valuations jumped 29 percent, an increase of nearly \$11 million.

The picture in other tax categories is not as bright. Agriculture land value peaked in 1983 and 15 years later has yet to reach the assessed value in Elkland township of \$13.643 million. Reflecting the drop in land values when prices crashed, the worth of Elkland's agricultural land plummeted to \$9.819 million in 1993. In 1997 the land values had bounced back to \$11.132 million.

The industrial base in the township increased slightly more than \$.5 of a million in the 1983-93 period, but dropped slightly in the 5 years since, totaling \$1.832 million in '93 and \$1.77 million in '97.

The 10 years between 1973-83 also showed the biggest increase in commercial valuation in the township, going from \$5.185 million to \$8.313 million. In the next 5 years growth continued, but at a much subdued rate, increasing only about \$.6 of a million.

**BUSINESS SCENE**

While the commercial property valuation has increased in Elkland Township over the years, the Main Street changes in the last quarter century have been extensive, marked by the establishment of businesses out of the village. There has been a change in the focus of the retail establishments.

On Cass City's Main Street in 1962 there were 8 firms specializing in servicing the farm community, including 3 farm implement dealers.

Seven of the 27 retail stores in the downtown district were related to car repair and sales, including 3 automobile dealerships offering Chrysler, General Motors and Ford products.

In 1962, shoppers could find among the stores clustered on Main Street retailers offering a wide variety of the necessities. There were 2 "dime" stores, 2 department stores, a men's store, 2 franchise general stores, 2 drug stores, a hardware store, 2 banks, 2 bakeries, and 2 furniture stores all clustered within 3 blocks of each other. In addition, there were 2 meat markets and 2 grocery stores in the area.

Today, the retail type stores have enlarged or given way to stores that offer service.

**VILLAGE OF CASS CITY**

YEAR	SEV	POPULATION
1950	1,710,025	1,762
1960	3,017,800	1,945
1970	7,733,400	1,974
1980	18,397,800	2,258
1990	25,517,252	2,275
1997	48,428,175*	2,570*

\*Estimated using criteria of a 13% increase in water customers since 1990.

**Area township valuations**

	1973	1983	1993	1997
Elkland	15,043,800	42,650,700	58,180,800	72,809,800
Elmwood	7,418,900	23,014,900	18,818,790	23,899,535
Kingston	5,106,800	15,886,450	16,209,685	22,007,265
Novesta	3,898,400	13,027,150	15,550,383	22,600,391
Tuscola County	222,191,117	640,261,297	725,331,526	932,564,966
Evergreen	3,429,200	12,577,669	12,049,468	14,960,934
Greenleaf	2,647,458	9,835,640	11,666,780	14,549,619

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**Walbro restructuring now complete**

L. E. Althaver, president and chief executive officer at Walbro Corporation, said that in 1998 the company's focus will be on productivity, efficiency and earnings performance.



L.E. Althaver

A costly, but very important period of worldwide expansion was completed in 1997.

The recently announced restructuring, with its emphasis on the elimination of under performing assets, will allow the company to be more focused on the global automotive and small engine fuel systems business, Althaver pointed out.

With our regional organization strengthened and increased attention to human resources, Walbro enters 1998 as a more effective organization, Althaver explained.

Walbro has been a positive force in Cass City since it came here in 1954 from Fenton where it was founded in 1950. The company, founded by the late W. E. Walpole, was enticed by the Cass City Industrial Development Corporation to come to Cass City when it offered the fledgling company a 6,000 square-foot building on 5 acres for a nominal rent.

In addition, a number of local citizens invested a total of \$25,000 in Walbro common stock to help cover the start-up costs for carburetor production. The stock was purchased to help the company and turned out to be an

outstanding investment. A stock that costs \$15 today probably cost these investors less than a dime.

Over the next 10 years, Walbro earned a growing share of the small engine carburetor market. In addition, the company purchased various small businesses which provided entry into the automotive aftermarket.

The company also expanded its manufacturing operations to Caro and purchased and/or built more manufacturing space in Cass City.

In the 1970s Walbro expanded into the diaphragm carburetor business and formed a joint venture company in Japan and subsidiaries in Mexico and Singapore as a part of this growth strategy. Throughout the 1970s the company concentrated on carburetors for small en-

gines and electric fuel pumps for industrial applications and the automotive aftermarket.

In the early 1980s Walbro launched a new in-tank electric fuel pump and a throttle body for an automotive customer. These fuel injection components initiated a major expansion into the automotive original equipment market. Over the next few years, the company acquired 2 U.S. companies who also manufactured automotive fuel injection components and formed a number of joint ventures in Japan, France, Brazil, China and Korea.

Today Walbro is a global fuel systems manufacturing company with facilities in North America, South America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. The company employs approximately 850 people in the Thumb of Michigan and approximately 4400 world wide.

In 1972 the company went public and sold additional shares in the early 1980s to finance growth. In 1987 Walbro successfully defended itself against a hostile takeover attempt. Many of the stockholders mentioned above were part of that successful defense. In the early 1990s Walbro again sold stock to finance growth toward a goal of becoming a billion dollar company by the turn of the century.

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### American Mattress and Furniture

## New styles, new products available

American Mattress and Furniture Co. is promising new products, but with the same commitment to quality that's kept them in business for almost 50 years.

Owner Tim Tidwell said the new additions to his store, located at 362 N. State, next to the courthouse in downtown Caro, will add to the bedroom, dining room, home entertainment, and youth furnishings already available.

"We can provide a complete home furnishings package for Thumb-area consumers. We're a family run business with a small town feel and the promise of a quality product at a reasonable price," said Tidwell, whose daughter Amy is the manager of the store.

Located in Marlette for 39 years, the business moved to Caro 9 years ago.

"We're in the ninth year of a 10-year plan to help realize a whole new retail side to our business. Our newest division, floor products, will feature Mohawk Carpeting, the nation's most recognized carpet manufacturer," Tidwell said.

Mohawk offers a complete package, everything from

commercial to industrial carpets, from medium to luxury styles. That includes carpet, padding and quality to back up any customers' needs.

"We're offering more than 50 styles. We're striving to use bigger samples so cus-

tomers can get an idea of the look and feel of the carpet, not just a little piece in a book," he said.

Tidwell invites customers thinking about a carpet purchase to come in and pick up a brochure on how to make

buying carpet easier.

The addition of the store's carpet division complements the recent addition of its Berkline Motion Furniture Gallery last year. Berkline is the world's largest and oldest manufacturer of recliners.

Midrange models start at \$300 while all leather chairs retail for about \$2,000.

"They make recliners the way I make mattresses," Tidwell said.

No matter how much the store diversifies, quality mattresses are still one of the things that customers look for when they visit Tidwell's business.

"We build all our mattresses the way all mattress companies used to build them. We

use insulator material to separate the cover from the springs, so the material doesn't sink into the metal," he said.

American Mattress is introducing 4 new luxury styles this year, all with a 25-year guarantee. The store is also the Thumb's only supplier of Air Beds, starting at \$399 with a 15-year guarantee, like those made famous by Paul Harvey on his radio show.

## Erla's thankful for community's support

Over the years, Erla's Food Center has undergone several enlargements and modernizations and the store today bears little resemblance to the Frozen Food Lockers that were purchased 44 years ago.

While the physical plant has constantly been updated, the basic philosophy of the Erla family and the store employees remains unchanged. It's to please the customers.

We welcome suggestions from our customers, Char Krueger, store manager,

says, because we want to serve their needs to the best of our ability.

The Erla family is aware of the wonderful support received over the years from the people. We wish to express our appreciation, the family says, for the loyalty and support the community has given us and our employees. We thank everyone for helping us maintain our standards of excellence.

Part of the company's success has come through its meat department. Erla's runs its own meat processing plant and sells to other re-

tailers over much of the south half of the Lower Peninsula.

Buying direct from the wholesaler enables customers to take advantage of low meat prices. In addition the full-service meat department enables patrons to get the size cut of meat they desire and know that the meats are fresh.

Other store policies pleasing to customers are the doubling of coupons worth up to 50 cents and Wednesday's senior citizens' day, when prices are discounted 5 percent on nearly every item.

## Dr. Reed offers dairy consulting

Dr. Charles Reed, DVM, 4438 South Seeger, has been in business for 6 months in Cass City, coming to the community from a multiple-person practice in Bad Axe.

Since coming to the village he has been working with large animals, primarily in the dairy industry.

Reed says that his goal is to be a large animal specialist

and to be a consultant in dairy management. He will complete the dairy management certificate program through Michigan State University in June.

Farmers will be able to get a full range of dairy management and consulting service from the firm. It includes all areas of production and medicine, he concluded.

# Positive factor: Cass City's location

A positive factor for the long-term financial health of the area are the steps that firms are taking to widen service areas from a county level to that of the entire Thumb as a region to be served.

Cass City's location near the center of the Thumb has already benefited from this trend. A perfect example is the Detroit Edison Company.

In 1962 a list of the Main Street business included an office for Edison. That closed as the company consolidated its offices to a larger office in the county seat.

Now, of course, Edison has returned and services the Thumb from its Cass City location.

This trend is probably one reason that Cass City has shown a steady increase in valuation and a moderate increase in population.

In each decade since 1950 there has been a 32 percent increase in population, just 808 people in nearly a half century (see chart).

Although there has been substantial building outside of the village limits, the population has remained stagnant. According to an economic development study, Elkland, Novesta, Kingston and Elmwood Townships all showed slight declines in population in the decade 1980-1990. The good news is that these townships are recovering with these increases from the 1990 figures projected for the year 2,000: Elkland, 3,430 to 3,739; Elmwood, 1,260 to 1,373; Kingston, 1,498 to 1,633; Novesta, 1,464 to 1,596.



ONE OF THE strengths of the area economy has been the steady growth in the industrial park. The growth has come from both new arrivals and expansion of existing business of which Walbro Corporation is a classic example. Pictured at the top is the complete Walbro plant in 1965 and the headquarters of the company today.

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Double D adds 4 new bays

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1992 to house parts, equipment and offices.

Due to increased business, it became necessary to add a new building dedicated for repairs with 3 bays for trucks and large equipment and one bay for 2 passenger vehicles for exhaust work. Repairs were made easier by having hoists available.

This year the firm is looking towards a possible expansion of the work force and to continue serving the community to the best of their ability, utilizing the recent addition.

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# A wonderful journey Twin Flame Sisters

Twin Flame Sisters opened July 13, 1995, and in less than 3 years expanded enough to enter its present headquarters at 208 North State Street, Caro.

The company opened in a small white house between Randy Stephens Tire and the Montague. The porch was painted purple, blue and yellow and has become the trademark colors for the firm. It's been a wonderful journey for us this far, owners Carol Ball and Kay

Napora say. The unique gift emporium plans to carry more books, vitamins and minerals, oils, remedies, beads and craft supplies. In addition there will be a wide variety of greeting cards and more custom made items.

One of the keys to the growth has been the seminars. The owners say that they plan to offer more of them of different types including herbs, soap making, tinctures, salves, channeling,

meditation and others. Also planned are psychic fairs and in-house readings.

We have taught many people through our seminars and have grown spiritually while expanding our business knowledge.

Kay and Carol say that "we are most grateful for the support and love that our physical and spiritual families have given us. Stop in and visit our new location. Blessed be!"

## Low prices, expert service

# Precise Auto Care

Precise Auto Care, 6597 Main Street, has been in business for a year now and the owners, Chuck and Beth Kaake, are determined to continue the company's successful policy of low prices and expert service.

The company moved into the former Cass City Wrecker building in September and expanded its equipment in January with

the addition of a portable high pressure hot water unit for farm, home, deck, auto and truck needs.

Customers of Precise Auto Care receive an old fashioned hand wash that includes frames, door jams, tires, windows all chamoised off for the low price of \$6.

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# Chemical Bank focus: A bank for everybody

Sherry! Seeley, assistant cashier and branch manager at Chemical Bank Thumb Area, said the bank's focus is "Chemical bank is the bank for everybody". We provide quality customer service.

Seeley points out that the bank's employees offer friendly service and truly enjoy working with custom-

ers as well as with each other. We have a staff of 10 employees, including Bev Perry, vice president and lending officer.

Seeley emphasized that Chemical Bank Thumb Area is a full service bank offering a variety of deposit accounts ranging from personal to business accounts. There is a wide range of per-

sonal, installment, mortgage and business loans available. We offer IRAs, including Roth and Education IRAs. Trust and Investment specialists are available at all times for our customers' convenience. We are especially enthusiastic about our newest products, Chem Connect (home banking on phone or computer) and ATM/Chem Cash debit cards.

We have accounts to meet your needs, Seeley concluded, and we invite you to stop in and meet us. We would be pleased to meet you.



THE FRIENDLY STAFF at Chemical Bank Thumb Area in Cass City: back, (left to right), Samantha Farver, Beverly Perry, Sherry! Seeley, Judith Hulburt, Michele Pohld, Shirley Bader, Ellen Schmidt, Elizabeth Acker. Front: Carol Wright and Don Greenleaf.

## New, large quarters for Cellular One



MAUREEN GAHAGAN-FREIBURGER, account representative, demonstrates using a lap top computer with her cellular phone.

Staff members of Cellular One in Caro will soon be packing their bags... to move to a much larger office facility. The rapidly growing Caro based business has outgrown its current facility just west of Central Shop Rite grocery store. But they won't be moving far; they will be just east of Central Shop Rite grocery store in the former Wright's Pharmacy. The new facility will provide double the office space. Office expansion for Cellular One doesn't stop in Tuscola County, general manager Ben Varney reports that plans are being finalized now for a Cellular One office in Sanilac County.

In 1997, Cellular One of Bad Axe celebrated its first anniversary. Business manager Luanne Story said they have been "more than pleased" with the volume of business and number of customers they can serve out of the Huron County based office.

Along with office expansions, a new cellular tower site will be constructed in Bad Axe in 1998, and 3 additional cellular sites are on the drawing board. "Every cellular site added provides an even higher level of quality service and coverage area for our customers," said Varney.

Cellular One added a new feature in cellular phones in 1997: prepaid cellular. Prepaid cellular phones are perfect for the person who doesn't want a contact, a monthly bill, or their credit checked. It gives them complete control by allowing them to purchase air time minutes up front. In addition to these services, Cellular One continues to be a provider of statewide Ameritech pagers.

Cellular One has watched the "typical" customer change and evolve over the 7-year period they've been in business. Currently, almost 50 percent of cellular phone calls made are for personal reasons. In the early 1990's, it was the opposite — the majority of cellular phone calls were for business purposes.

Farmers and farming operations rely on cellular phones for constant communication with home, other farm vehicles, implement dealers, and elevators. Cellular phones have proven very instrumental in saving lives and summoning help quickly when farming accidents occur.

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While providing a modern, up-to-date store is important, it ranks second, owner Mike Weaver says, to the personalized, dedicated service we provide our customers.

We know the vast majority of our customers, Weaver says, and that is what separates us from the chains and franchise stores. Knowing and caring is what makes

small town living the best there is.

Last year, Coach Light continued its expansion of gifts and collectibles. Precious Moments, Boyds Bears, Cherished Teddies and other collectibles have been expanded. Hallmark cards and gifts continue to be leaders in the industry and Coach Light continually updates and changes the Hallmark display fixtures.

In 1997, Yankee Candles were offered and the response was great. Sales were great. Yankee makes an outstanding product, the fragrance is wonderful

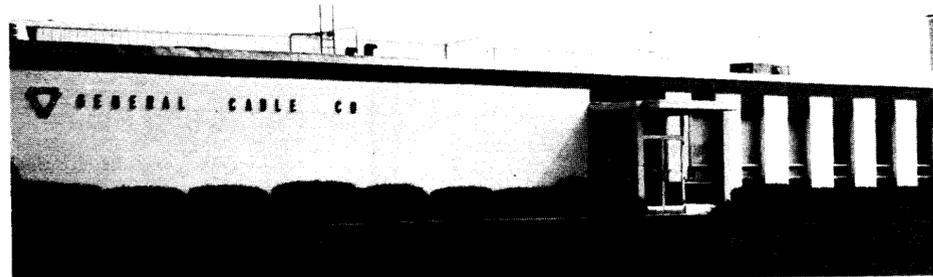
and the product is attractive and very appealing to the eye.

Coach Light was purchased from Lucille McCullough in 1968 and the first of the expansions came a year later when the former post office building next door was purchased. Another expansion came in 1975, bringing the total shopping area to 5,000 square feet.

Periodically, the interior of the store, including carpet and fixtures, have been improved to keep the store the attractive place it is today for convenient customer shopping.

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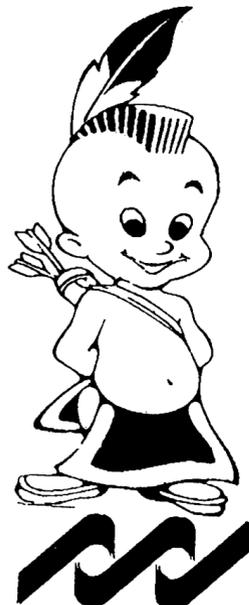
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## Plan special days at Cass City McDonald's

Jim and Johanne Luth, who have owned McDonald's, 6180 Main Street, Cass City over a year, have several activities planned for the summer.

There will be a special day for families each week. It's called "Every Day is Fun Day, but Sundays are Special". It will be highlighted by activities, treats and fun for children. Offered will be a 99-cent hamburger, small fry and kid-sized drink, from 12 to 5 p.m. Sundays only, for all children under 12 eating inside.

Ronald McDonald will be on hand Sunday, Mar. 1. Luth said that other activities and entertainment will be scheduled in the

coming months. When McDonald's opened in Cass City, it was a company restaurant until Jan. 1, 1997, when the Luths purchased it. He was the managing partner before the purchase and has been involved with the restaurant since it opened in February 1996.

Since coming to the area, the Luths have taken an active part in the community. He is a member of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce board and was involved with the logo selection adopted by the Chamber.

Johanne is familiar with the area and has spent many summers with rela-

tives in the area.

The Luths say that this year they intend to run the best possible operation and provide employment for local residents. Managers are from Cass City and the surrounding areas and are familiar with the Thumb area.

They are role models for others in the community, the Luths feel, and demonstrate that hard work pays off and can lead to a successful career.

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### Open house set March 6

# Marlette hospital growing for better service

It is the Mission of Marlette Community Hospital to continuously improve the quality of health in the communities it serves.

Marlette Community Hospital has experienced yet another year of positive changes and increased growth in an effort to offer quality health care closer to the communities it serves.

They are pleased to announce the addition of Neeraj Arora, M.D., an Internist/Hospitalist, to the medical team. Dr. Arora is treating patients with a wide variety of illnesses as well as family planning and birth control, complete women's health care, physicals for sports, school and work, premarital counseling, minor office surgeries and weight loss.

An open house has been scheduled for Friday, March 6 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dr. Arora will be offering free blood sugar and blood pressure checks during this open house.

By opening Dr. Arora's HealthCare Office, Marlette Community Hospital has expanded to six HealthCare Offices to assure patients of timely appointments. Following are the locations of these offices: Brown City HealthCare Office, 4472 Main St.; Mayville HealthCare Office, 2112 Ohmer Rd.; North Branch HealthCare Office, 4000 Huron St.; Kingston HealthCare Office, 5988 State St.; Marlette HealthCare Office-Suite 3, 2750 Main St.; and Marlette HealthCare Office-Suite 5, 2750 Main St.

Two new Certified Physician Assistants have been added to the MCH medical team. Darla Mays now practices at the Kingston HealthCare Office as of the end of December. Raised in the Millington area, Darla is already familiar with the many health care needs of our communities.

Brown City HealthCare office announced the addition of Certified Physician Assistant Kimberly Kelly. She joined Dr. Ogborn and his staff in October. Welcome, Darla and Kim, to the MCH HealthCare team.

United Hospice Service continues to offer assistance for the terminally ill patients and their families, throughout the communities it serves.

Volunteer and professional personnel are continually trained in a multitude of areas that will better serve the family. Medical direction, nursing care, nutritional counseling, homemaker aide services, spiritual counsel-

ing, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, around the clock availability, bereavement support and follow-up are just a few of the services offered through this unique program.

United Hospice Service is licensed by the Michigan Department of Health, certified by Medicare, accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of HealthCare Organizations and Blue Cross/Blue Shield approved. United Hospice Service has been finding more families that do not live near their loved ones, and when a terminal illness occurs, there is nowhere for these families to live that will be close to their loved one.

The idea of a Hospice House was introduced and plans are currently underway for this type of facility. The house would be a home-like setting, not a hospital. It will have a chapel, dining room and bedrooms.

For more information about United Hospice Service or its volunteer program, please call Rae Ann Kreiner, RN, director at 800-635-7490.

Dr. Nafees Hasnie, Medical Director of the Rehab has added an associate, Dr. Mir Asghar who is board certified in internal medicine.

A stroke support group which is open to the community meets the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the rehab unit.

For more information about the Center for Rehabilitation or its programs, please contact Karen Vargas, Program Director at 517-635-4500.

Marlette Community Hospital's Specialty Clinic under the supervision of Liz McBride, RN, offers a wide variety of services. Doctors specializing in urology, allergy, cardiology, neurology, podiatry, physiatry, psychiatry, oncology, orthopedics, and in ear, nose and throat hold clinics in the medical office building, 2750 Main St., Marlette.

Other procedures handled by the Out Patient Clinics are drug screenings for pre-employment, several types of DOTs (for truck drivers) and BAT (Breath Alcohol Testing). The Out Patient clinic serves over an average of 400 patients per month according to last fiscal year's calculation.

People recovering from or trying to avoid heart problems can find help at Marlette Community Hospital. The hospital has a special cardiac rehab unit designed to assist people in overcoming heart-related disease.

This program is set up as an

outpatient service and lasts 12 weeks. Patients are also educated about their particular problem or disease.

For more information, call Katrina Fritz, cardiopulmonary manager.

Community CPR and Basic First Aid classes are offered on a regular basis and may be scheduled by calling the Community Relations Department at 517-635-4012.

Last spring, the Radiology Department permanently added a GE Computer Aided Tomography (CAT) Scan. Four technologists offer 24-hour, 7 days a week coverage for area residents.

Nuclear Medicine also added 2 new tests this year; brain imaging and breast imaging.

Radiology Department technologists are trained to perform X-Rays, Ultrasound exams and CAT scans.

In May, the Radiology Department will once again offer their \$55.00 mammograms. Be sure to call ahead to schedule an appointment for your mammogram at 517-635-4360.

Marlette E.M.S. has bases located in Marlette, Brown City and Carsonville. E.M.S. has a fleet of transporting ambulances and one non-transporting "ECHO" unit.

Marlette E.M.S. is the largest hospital owned, volunteer staffed E.M.S. in the state of Michigan.

The Hannah D. Wolfe Retirement Residence is located at 2785 Angle St. in Marlette within walking distance from parks and downtown shopping.

Services provided in the basic monthly rent are maintenance, water, electric, air conditioning, heat, individual heating control, cleaning service and more. Family style dining and fun activities such as bingo and exercise programs help to stimulate conversation and fellowship.

Recently, Lifeline, a personal response system has been added to insure the safety of the residents at all times.

Questions about Hannah D. Wolfe should be directed to Shelli Parrott, resident caretaker-manager at 517-635-7472.

Thanks to the MCH Auxiliary, the hospital has received countless gifts. Their latest has been a \$4,000 donation to assist with the replacement of windows at the Hannah D. Wolfe building.

Dotty Korth, RN, BSN, CDE has recently welcomed Judy Mahaffy, RN to the Community Education Department.

Living Lightly is a six-week program offered only through the Community Education Department that walks participants through the steps to improving their health through better lifestyles.

As a certified diabetic educator, Korth also instructs individuals with diabetes or that are at great risk of becoming diabetic.

For more information about wellness programs or diabetic education, call the Community Education Department at 517-635-4348.

Children's education programs are important. One such program is Safe Sitter. This nationally recognized program teaches young adolescents ages 11 to 13 how to be competent baby-sitters and eventually informed parents. They are taught how to care for themselves if an emergency should ever occur.

Information about Safe Sitter can be obtained by call-

ing Lillian Comment at 517-635-4012.

Remodeling will be starting soon to help ease the growing pains by offering more space for several existing services. Construction will also

include a new conference room and a chapel. For information about Marlette Community Hospital, call the Community Relations Department at 517-635-4012.

## Videomation

### New Disney gift section helps sustain 4 years of growth

Jerry Andrews and Jay and Diane Cameron, owners of Videomation, 6647 Main Street, happily report that the firm has grown in each of the 4 years that it has been in business.

That growth has been reflected in the new Disney gift section added last year. It includes key chains, stuffed characters, straws, pencils, cups and other related items.

Another service started was going on-line with the area

internet to inform customers of new movies being planned.

To continue the growth, the owners are planning to purchase more copies of new releases to serve the demands of customers. Also on the planning board are more in-store specials, coupons and promotions.

The owners say that it has been a pleasure serving the people of Cass City and surrounding areas and thank them for their support.

# Ben Franklin promos aid community

In 49 years on Main Street, Ben Franklin has had numerous promotions that helped the store and the community.

One of the best occurred last year when the collectable "Beanie Babies" were donated to local charities to produce wide-range benefits.

It was fun for us, co-owner Geraldine Prieskorn said.

Ty continues to introduce new "Beanies" so look for "Erin" to arrive just in time for St. Patrick's day, according to Prieskorn.

There is little resemblance of the Ben Franklin Store today to the store that was at

the same site in 1949. The size of the store was about doubled in 1970, when the former Freiburger Grocery Store building next door was acquired. The store has been remodeled several times since.

Ben Franklin offers expanded crafts and fabric departments. Check out the new "memory pages" albums and supplies.

The store management constantly looks for great values and fashions for the clothing department. We offer, Prieskorn points out. Chic basic jeans at \$18.87, our regular everyday low price.

Added to the clothing line is the great "Bend Over" line of ladies' slacks, both petite and average, in missey and women's sizes. New colors and sizes are presented each season.

Ben Franklin caters to senior citizens with a 10 percent senior citizen discount each Wednesday. The store is open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with super specials good only on Sundays.

The entire staff is dedicated to making shopping at Ben Franklin a pleasant, enjoyable experience.



BEN FRANKLIN continues to stock merchandise that meets the needs of changing generations. Having fun in the company's book-magazine department is Jessa Prieskorn.

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# the PAINT STORE

# More organic items at Friendly Harvest Bulk Foods

Friendly Harvest Bulk Foods is one of the newer businesses in Cass City, opening some 5 months ago at 6435 Main Street in the Kritzman block.

Owners Yvonne Zartman and Jennifer Szubielak started with an inventory that included flour, sugar, rice, and other items. With an eye to the needs of the customers, more and more requested organic and natural items and cheeses have been added.

We still carry the regular bulk items, the owners pointed out, but have added organic and specialty flours such as soy, spelt, potato and rice flours.

The store is in the process of adding a garden center which will include seeds, herb plants, heirloom vegetable plants, seed potatoes and onion sets.

There is now a growing section of local artwork, reflecting the talent in the area. In the future the store will be carrying more vitamin and herbal supplements as well as an always expanding food selection.

Zartman and Szubielak both say that one of the big bonuses of opening the store has been the warm support of the customers. For their patience and encouragement we are very thankful, they concluded.

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# New stock, equipment at new Cass City Paint Store

The primary reason that the Paint Store moved across the street from its location where it served the area for 20 years is to better meet the needs of its customers.

Under the direction of owners Steve and Sandi Wright, the company is busy settling into its new larger quarters at 6549 Main Street.

Several additions have been made to the new store and others are awaiting arrival from the manufacturer.

One of these is the new Voice of Color Design Collection from Pittsburgh Paint.

It will offer customers choices of 1800 colors from warm hues to tranquil and bold shades as well as hundreds of whites and off-whites, many with subtle undertones of pink, blue or yellow to complement the decor.

Since September, the Paint Store has offered the Accu Design color match computer system. Bring in a sample and the Paint Store will do a color match so your paint will match all your accessories.

The company has also re-

tained the key cutting machine, glass cutter and Serve A Pure water machine from Bigelow's Hardware.

The upholstery fabric has been moved off the main floor to provide more space. Another added service at the store is the stocking of half-yard samples of all the upholstery to check out and take home just as you would a wallpaper book.

When all the finishing touches have been completed, a grand opening is planned sometime within the next few months.

# Local accounting firm offers financial planning

Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C., is well-known as a certified public accounting firm, having been in the Thumb area since 1964. The Cass City office, located at 6261 Church St., opened in 1983.

Individuals and businesses, the partners of the firm have established a separate company, ATBD Financial Planners, LLC (firm). The firm has registered with the State of Michigan as an investment adviser, allowing them to expand their financial, retirement and estate planning services, including investment

advice. The firm believes that if you are looking for assistance in implementing your financial and retirement plans, ATBD Financial Planners, LLC can meet those needs. Partners of the firm include Gary Anderson, Robert Tuckey, Jerry Bernhardt and Thomas Doran.

# Cass City Tire happy to earn customers' trust

Although Art Randall, owner of Cass City Tire is taking a reduced role as son, Mike, assumes more duties at the store at 6392 Main Street, look for the business to continue to emphasize quality service.

That service includes up-front charges for service. You won't find any hidden charges or bait and switch advertising at Cass City Tire. Long-time customers have learned that we have the

equipment to care for your car, Randall says. It includes a computerized 4-wheel alignment rack, oscilloscope, computerized tire balancing machine and a diagnostic air conditioning checking machine.

Cass City Tire specializes in on-the-farm tire service. Operating the equipment is an experienced staff headed by a certified master mechanic. The company handles every type of tire, including steel-

belted, radials, high mileage, performance, all-season, soft rubber and others. Nearly every brand of sports rim is available.

A safety check at Cass City Tire includes belts, hoses, fluid levels, brakes, shocks and more.

Hopefully, Randall says, we have earned the trust and satisfaction of our customers and pledge that we will do everything possible to maintain it.

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FORM You 3 owners Marge Baker, of Bad Axe, and Donna Gaskill, of Owendale, were presented with a bronze plaque award for outstanding performance and sales by executive director Marvin L. Shatkoff at a goals for 1998 meeting in Akron, Ohio.

days, at the Tuscola Medical Center, and in Bad Axe, Fridays, at the New Image Fitness Center, owners Marge Baker and Donna Gaskill pointed out.

Form You 3 is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 9 to 12 noon Saturday.

The owners are proud of the members. They have lost over 16,000 pounds since we opened at Cass City in 1995. For a healthier you, call 517-872-3000 for all 3 locations.

Learn how to lose weight and, most importantly, learn how to keep it off, the owners concluded.

# 20 years in Cass City

# McMahan's celebrating

McMahan Auto Supply is celebrating 20 years in Cass City, 20 years in which Brian and Linda McMahan have been able to constantly expand because of the support received from area residents.

It all started in 1978 when Thumb Parts, located where Videomation is now, was purchased.

The company's steady growth enabled it to move to its present location at the corner of Main and Seeger Streets in 1981. We are happy, the McMahans say, to have been able to expand our business inventory and coverage each year.

In 1996 the building next to the store was purchased and, in the 2 years since, it has been almost filled with stock.

The McMahans point out

that the company is supplied by Auto Value, which they say is the largest and most aggressive parts supplier in the state with deliveries twice daily.

Residents can find all kinds of parts for tractors, cars, trucks, motorcycles and ATVs as well as industrial applications at the store.

In 1997 the expansion included more product lines such as new heavy duty truck parts and a new employee. It's Dave Martin, who joined the company in August, but has 11 years of experience. We are happy to have him on the staff, the McMahans say.

The McMahans feel that automotive electronics is an expanding market and inventory will be expanded to meet customers' needs in this area.

A knowledgeable, experienced staff is imperative and Dick Britt helps fill that need. He has been with the company for almost 14 years and has over 26 years experience.

He is available at any time to help customers with bumping and painting problems or any other auto related questions.

Co-op students have been an asset to the company over the years and this year is no exception with Dan Sherman and Josh Male helping the customers.

The McMahans stated that many things have changed in the 20 years they have been in business, but the one constant has been the people who have shopped in their store and the friends they have made. For that they are really grateful.

# Work space doubled

# Double D expands

Since Dave Osentoski purchased the Double D Gas and Diesel Repair business at 7923 East Cass City Road in 1986 it has continually expanded.

The latest expansion was in 1997 when the work space was doubled with full exhaust repairs up and running after Cass City Muffler was purchased in 1996.

The business was purchased from Marcie Kostanko after it closed when husband, Tom, died. A new building was added in Please turn to page 3.

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# Annual survey Tendercare rated exemplary by state

Cass City's nursing care facility at 4782 Hospital Drive was established in 1973 and has been operating as Tendercare Michigan Inc. since 1990.

Since the purchase, the management has placed a strong emphasis on high standards of care. Additional staff positions have been added to meet the needs and regulatory demands of nursing care facilities in the 90s.

Training programs and education have upgraded the staff skills to meet the needs of more acute care and high tech residents. They are able to care for residents with complex and sub-acute care needs.

During 1997 a special needs wing was developed for Alzheimers care and residents with significant cognitive loss. Tendercare is proud that the annual state survey by the Department of Consumer and Industry Services was excellent. The inspectors commented that Tendercare, Cass City, was one of the few exemplary facilities in the state of Michigan.

Residents and staff raised funds to purchase a large screen television for the dining room. A "snack shop" has been set up with a showcase and refrigerator, selling

snacks to residents and staff. A major advance in 1997 was expanding and enhancing the rehabilitation services. The rehab staff has 10 members, offering physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapy and rehab nursing services. Many residents are treated and then return home. In 1997, 117 discharged residents went home or to a lesser level of care.

Also improved, officials say, was the transportation services for residents going to doctor appointments and to hospitals for services.

This year, as always, Tendercare will continue to be a quality oriented facility able to meet the needs of Cass City and the surrounding communities of Caro, Bad Axe and beyond.

Tendercare is a significant employer with a staff of 125. Our staff and management appreciates the support and

involvement the community has shown Tendercare, management points out. We also appreciate the support of the schools which provide opportunities for students to interact with residents almost daily.

Church groups provide support in many ways as do individuals and organizations. Our volunteers have

been wonderful and we can't thank them enough for the joy they bring to our residents, say Diane Ewald, administrator, and Brenda Wichert, director of nursing. They invite interested persons to find out how they can enrich their lives through volunteer work. Tendercare volunteers are always much appreciated and welcomed.

# Cass City Hardware to expand inventory, services

Cass City Hardware offers all of the traditional hardware supplies and in addition is headquarters for sporting goods and several services not found at many hardware stores.

When the store opened at 6092 East Cass City Road 10 years ago, owners Deb and Jeff Leinweber and Bonnie and Gerald Nowaczyk were determined to give customers a wide product variety to choose from. They continue that policy today.

Among the services now available include chain saw, mower and trimmer repair,

screen and window repair, pipe threading and cutting, chain saw sharpening and glass cutting.

The steady improvement is expected to continue this year. Plans include redesigning the store to make it easy for customer shopping and new signs for the exterior of the building to make it easier to find.

Cass City Hardware plans to offer a wider variety of electrical, plumbing and hardware supplies as well as bolts and fasteners. This expansion will be accompanied by new lower pricing to

give customers the service and prices they want right at home.

Also soon to be added is a computer color match system to make the paint the exact shade the customers needs.

Along with the repair service, Cass City Hardware sells Johsared, Olympyk and McCulloch chain saws and trimmers.

The full line of sporting goods offered includes specials on pistols, rifles and shotguns. Gun smithing is available and used guns are bought and sold.

# Personal attention always at Partlo Photographic Arts

Dick Partlo, owner of Partlo Photographic Arts, 4560 Elmwood Road, Akron, turned his 35-year hobby and part-time business into a full-time occupation a year and a half ago.

He retired from education at Cass City Public Schools in June of 1996 and opened his photography shop, based at home, in a separate build-

ing. His immediate ambition is to increase wedding photography and in-home family portraits to earn a profit and pay off start-up costs.

Changes include business bookkeeping now being entered in a computer and the purchase of a camera system by Hasselblad.

Partlo Photographic Arts

offers both video and photos with its complete photographic service.

Partlo asks that you check the prompt professional service that is offered at a cost that your budget can afford. You will be pleased, he said, with the personal attention given to all of your photographic needs.

# Double celebration at People's Choice Market

People's Choice Market and Subway, owned by Bud and Ron McCormick of Caseville will be holding a double celebration this year. 1998 marks the 10th anniversary of the Shell gas station at the corner of Doerr Road and Main Street (6144 East Cass City Road) and the fourth year of operation for Subway.

The gas station opened in December 1988, the first retail business in the village to remain open 24 hours a day. On super Tuesday premium gas is sold at 6 cents off per gallon. The station also sells cappuccino. There are plans to add new registers and pay at the gas pump service for added convenience.

Subway has a low fat menu

for the health conscious and 5 different soups, 2 of which are served daily. Breakfast, lunch and supper menus are available.

A total of 19 persons are employed, 12 by Shell and 7 by Subway. The business, owned by the McCormicks, is part of a Thumb chain which includes 5 Subways, 2 Taco Bells and 3 touchless car washes.

# Associated Home Care plans county expansion

Associated Home Care, a division of the Greater Thumb Community Health Department with offices in Bad Axe and Sandusky, is expanding its rehabilitation services and is planning an office in Tuscola County.

The expansion of home rehabilitation services includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech pathology. Staff additions include medical social workers and a new home care executive, Dawn Frambes, RN, MSA, Maggie Messer, RN, BSN, is clinical coordinator and Christine Hoppe, pro-

gram development specialist.

This year, Associated Home Care will be working for accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and to open an office in Tuscola County.

Associated Home Care has been a part of the Huron and Sanilac County Health Departments for over 25 years, providing home visits by professional staff and home health aides for all ages.

Treatments administered have ranged from preventive services to complex high tech infusion therapy in the

home.

In the future you can look for Associated Home Care to adapt services to meet the home health needs of the 3-county residents. We will continue to work with physicians, hospitals and insurance companies to meet the need of the communities, officials said.

The staff is proud to live in the communities they serve. Associated Home Care has a highly trained, dedicated and caring staff that includes every discipline, nursing, therapies, home health aides and social work.

# Plan added conveniences at new Kranz Funeral Home

In early summer of this year Debra and Jim Kranz, owners of Kranz Funeral Home, are looking forward to moving into the new funeral home now nearing completion on Main Street at the east village limits of Cass City.

The couple says that the area needs and deserves a larger, more accommodating funeral home and the new building will meet these needs. We will provide, Kranz says, a warm place where families can gather in support and love. People will be able to feel comfortable, like at home.

Together with the larger gathering areas for visitations and services the casket selection room has been changed. The new room will be less intimidating, Kranz says. It will make the very difficult task of casket selection easier and will allow a much larger selection of cas-

kets with a wider choice of prices. There will also be a display of clothing and urns. A marker display will be in the selection room and also outside to help people create their own markers, Kranz points out.

A large parking lot and children's room are planned. The room will be next to the lounge so that parents can watch their children. The room will include toys, books and videos. We want, Kranz says, to make it easy for parents to bring their children.

The large parking area will easily accommodate large visitations and services as well as provide more room to line up funeral processions in a safe and orderly manner.

Continued will be many services already provided. There is a large grief library

available to the public. Providing contact with families several times during the first year following death will be continued. Also continued will be the service of remembrance and celebration offered to families in Cass City, Kingston, Gageton and surrounding areas.

Maintained will be the flower delivery project where churches are contacted to provide names of shut-ins and others who would appreciate an occasional vase of flowers. When families leave flowers with us, they are arranged in vases and distributed, Kranz explained.

The owners say that they hope everyone will watch for the open house announcement and stop in for a tour.

We want everyone to realize that this is "their" building, they concluded.

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## Company is honored

# Modular homes cost less, say Herrons

After serving the community for 33 years building custom homes, Linda and Tom Herron made the decision 2 years ago to offer modular homes with a new company, Northwood Modular Homes, Inc.



**THE STAFF MEMBERS at Northwood Homes, from left: Cathy Hellow, Barbara Karr and Linda Herron.**

The company is now 8/10 of a mile north of the Main Street stop light in Cass City. The firm moved to these larger quarters from the original sales office in Northwood subdivision.

The move to modular home sales was spurred by the 15

to 20 percent savings over custom homes, the Herrons said, and the time frame it takes for a consumer to occupy a new home.

In 1997 new models and a larger staff resulted in increased sales. Northwood Modular Homes was named the Active Homes 1997 Builder of the Year for selling more homes for them than any builder. The company also sold more homes than any past recipients of the award.

Active Homes has introduced several new floor plans this year. Some of the plans were designed by Tom Herron after reviewing the needs of customers.

The company will add 3 new models to its display in March to educate consumers about modular homes.

Besides the owners, customers are served by Richard LeValley, site manager, and Barbara Karr and Catherine Hellow, sales representatives.



**ACTIVE HOMES of Michigan awarded their 1997 builder of the year award to Tom Herron, president of Northwood Modular Homes of Cass City at a Jan. 22 meeting in Flint. He was cited for professional approach to home building, quality tradesmen, and customer satisfaction. Receiving the award, from left, are: Active sales representative Mike Thane, Herron, Linda Herron, Barbara Karr and Richard LeValley.**

## All Pets Veterinary Clinic

### Dr. Hoppe stresses preventive medicine

Two years ago, Dr. Susan Hoppe purchased the Companion Animal Hospital at 4438 South Seeger Street and renamed it the All Pets Veterinary Clinic.

When she did, she announced that she would do everything possible to make the clinic live up to its name. She has done that. Dr.

Hoppe has an interest in and is happy to care for avians (birds), pocket pets such as hamsters, mice and gerbils, and reptiles.

The clinic provides emergency service when needed and Dr. Hoppe has stressed quality veterinarian preventive medicine to pet owners.

Although Dr. Hoppe was away from the community when she purchased the business, she was by no means a stranger in Cass City.

She is a graduate of Cass City High School and was more than pleased to be able to return to the community and provide quality small animal medical care.

## Always up-to-date electronics at Larry's TV

Larry's TV and Electronics, 224 North State Street Caro, has served the Thumb community for over 38 years because it has been able to provide up to the minute service and sales in the communications industry.

That won't change in the future, James Hood and April Goulet, say. The business was founded in the teens or early 1920s as Avery

Radio and changed to Bolton Radio when purchased by Dick Bolton. In the mid-fifties Larry Malir became owner, incorporated almost immediately, and James Hood became a partner.

The business has prospered through the eras of tubes, transistors, solid state, digital and soon HD TV.

This year continuing the

trend to better serve customers, Larry's plans to become more specialized in parts, cables, connectors, patch cords and adapters to connect satellites, TVs, surround sound and antennas.

When HD Television comes to the Thumb, Larry's will be ready to help its customers to the next level of entertainment, the owners promise.

## IGA focus is filling needs of customers

Now in its second year under the ownership of Dan and Cindy Wills, Cass City IGA, 6121 Cass City Road, can look back with satisfaction for achieving its priority goal, slowing down customers from shopping out of the community.

Since the store was purchased Oct. 1996, it was remodeled and an effective work force developed that is critiqued on a regular basis

to make shopping at IGA more pleasing to the customers.

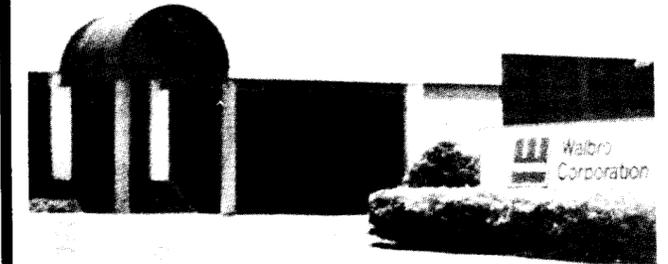
We feel that the future in Cass City is very favorable, Wills says, and we are committed to ensuring we do all the right things to confirm that.

We expect to continue to improve store conditions and provide consistent friendly customer service.

Between ourselves and the local competition, we hope village residents can take care of all their shopping needs without leaving town, Wills pointed out.

We remain committed to customer satisfaction, Wills concluded, and are thankful for the support and reception we have received since coming to Cass City.

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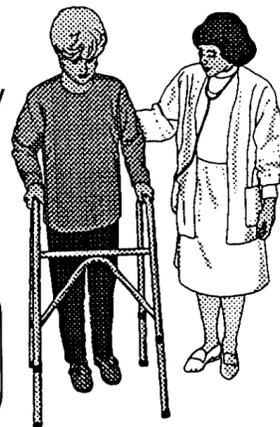
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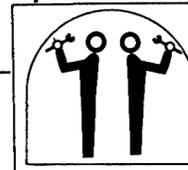
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### Hills and Dales - Caro Community - Saginaw General

# Hospitals join for better rehab services

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pharmacist all working together under the medical direction of Jeffrey Carney, M.D., Saginaw Heart Group. The cardiac rehabilitation program is designed to help patients with heart disease recover faster and return to full and productive lives. Cardiac rehab includes exercise, education, counseling, and learning ways to live a healthier life. Together with

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at 517-673-4222. Hills & Dales General Hospital has a new physical medicine and rehabilitation board certified physician on board. Muhammad S. Jilani, M.D., is working at the Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Centers (M.A.R.C.) in Cass City and Caro. Dr. Jilani is available for any of your rehabilitation and physical medicine needs.

He deals with musculoskeletal and neurological problems, spinal cord and brain injuries, strokes, multiple sclerosis, cancer, amputations and any acute and chronic pain. John G. DeSantis, M.D., orthopaedic surgeon, also joined the Hills & Dales team. Dr. DeSantis has a clinic and performs surgeries at the Hills & Dales General

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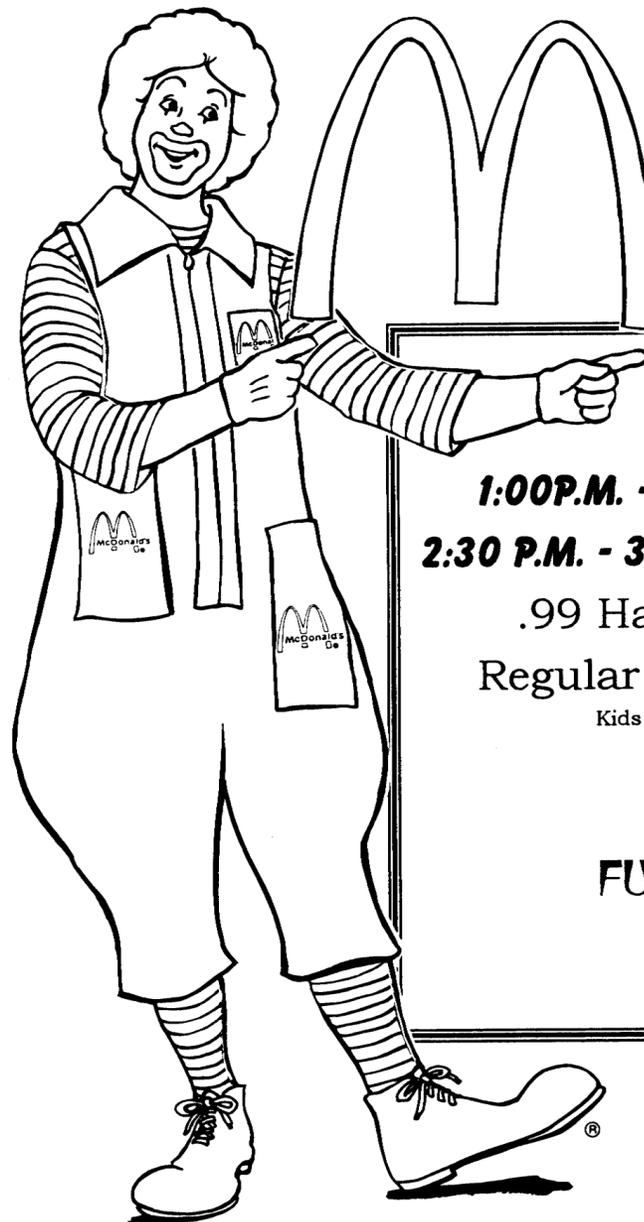


PAT MILLER, chief executive officer of Caro Community Hospital, Dee McKrow, chief executive officer of Hills and Dales General Hospital, and Mary Gray, director of rehabilitation services at Saginaw General Hospital.



LAVERNE BOLZMAN, center, from Reese works out on the treadmill as part of her cardiac rehab care in Caro at the MARC Center. Also pictured, from left, registered nurse Jane Braem, and Mary Gray, director of cardiac evaluation and rehabilitation for Saginaw General Hospital.

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